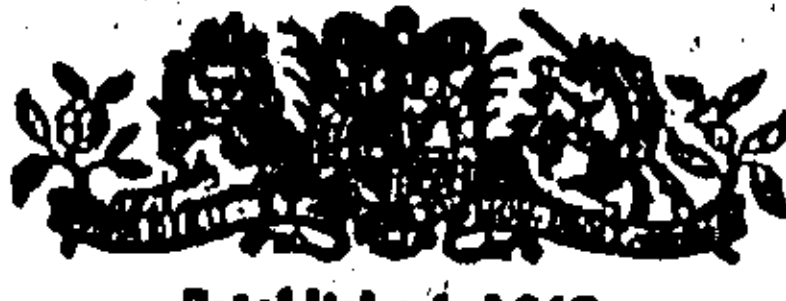


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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### NO SURPRISE

TO absolutely no one's surprise, Britain's Conservative Party has announced that its new chairman is to be the Right Honourable Viscount Hailsham. For days before the official announcement it had been taken for granted that the portly, young-for-the-job (49) Lord President of the Council would be the new chief of the Conservative Party organisation.

Hailsham's election to office, however, was significant in several ways. For one, it is unusual for a member of the Cabinet to be chairman of the party organisation, which is an extra-parliamentary body.

For another, Hailsham is a strong man with a reputation as the only Tory since Lord Randolph Churchill to argue that the decisions of the party's executive and annual conference should be binding on the leaders, in brief, that the leaders' job is to implement the wishes of their supporters throughout the country.

### LOW EBB

THIRDLY, Hailsham is a blunt, uncompromising Tory who is not shy of the word patriotism, and who defended with persistence and eloquence Britain's intervention in Suez. These three facts add up to one seemingly inescapable conclusion: That the Tory leaders have decided that their party's present unhappy state is not due to the fact that their Socialist opponents are winning more adherents; rather, that they are losing the confidence and support of their own rank and file in the constituencies.

If this is the case—and it certainly seems to be—then Hailsham has his work cut out. For the fortunes of the Conservative Party have seldom been at such a low ebb. The pundits, in fact, are agreed that, given a general election at the present time, the Tories would be fortunate indeed if they managed to squeeze back into power. And that, they say, is because the confidence of its supporters is draining away.

### GREY FLANNELS

WHO are these disgruntled Tories? They are largely the men in grey flannel suits. Ambitious young men who want to get on in the world. Who want to buy their own homes. To run a car. To send their children to "good" schools. As many of them see it, the Tory Government not only does nothing for them, but, by its failure to check inflation, by its resort to the Bank Rate, which makes borrowing difficult, it actively negates their progress.

At the same time, they fail to detect any effective check by the Government of the pro-Socialist trade unions, whose never-ending wage demands keep swelling the inflation. Aligned with these disgruntled Tories are the pensioners who feel most acutely the effect of inflation. Add to these the traditionalist Tories who believe that the party has been losing its identity as the purveyor of Conservative ideals (many were angered by the Tory Government's backdown over Suez) and you have Hailsham's problem in a nutshell.

### IN VAIN

THESE people have to be won back to the cause. And the only thing which will achieve that is a switch by the Tory Government to a much tougher policy both at home and abroad. And unless Hailsham can convince the Government of their existence and of the need to meet—at least in measure—their expectations, the chances are his appointment will have been in vain.

# NOW THE BANKS SAY INTEREST RATES HERE WILL RISE AT LEAST ONE PER CENT

## Reason For Delay Explained

## ONE NOT FIXED

by a China Mail Reporter

The overdraft interest rates in Hongkong will be increased by at least one per cent depending on the rates now operative, it was learned this morning.

It is unlikely that any increase will be put into force before October 1.

This follows the recent rise of the British Bank rate from five to seven per cent last week.

A spokesman for the Chartered Bank said that banks in Hongkong were trying to keep their rates down as many Hongkong industrial concerns relied heavily on loans from local banks.

But he said, "We can't disregard London market conditions."

"That's the reason for the delay. We've been waiting for definite details of the new London rate," he said. One of the rates that has not been fixed in London yet and concerns the Colony directly is the advance bill rate for bills covering exports to the Colony.

Later this morning, a spokesman for the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank made a similar announcement: "There will be an increase in the rate of interest on bank advances of a minimum of one per cent, dependent on the rates of interest now in force with effect from October 1."

## LOANS TO COLONIES MAY SUFFER

From London this morning a Reuters report said colonial governments seeking immediate loans in Britain for their development programmes may have to cut down their requests or try to get the money elsewhere because of Britain's new seven per cent bank rate.

[It is thought in Hongkong that this will make no difference to Hongkong].

### More Difficult

Financial authorities expect the high interest charges — if they are maintained for any length of time — to "melt much of the queue" of colonial and Commonwealth borrowers, who will find it more difficult than ever to get funds.

It is anticipated that the overseas governments will now intensify their efforts to raise the money in other countries, particularly in the United States, where interest charges are much lower.

The British bank rate increase came as a shock to colonial and Commonwealth administrations who even before the rise were having difficulty in getting capital in Britain.

Sources connected with colonial development fear that many overseas projects covering agriculture, communications, housing and general welfare may have to be curtailed unless money for them can be found outside Britain.

### Warning

One of the main sources of funds for such development has been the Colonial Development Corporation, which has made loans and investments in the colonies totalling about £70 million.

The Corporation borrows its money from the Treasury paying the prevailing interest rate.

In its last annual report the corporation warned: "High interest rates are no doubt required to control home economy, but this policy slows down colonial development."

Then the interest charges were only five per cent.—Reuters.

## Now It Can Be Told . . . HOW THE BANK CRANE WITHSTOOD 'GLORIA'

by a China Mail Reporter

THE crane that has gradually "climbed" the iron and steel girders to the 16th floor of the new Chartered Bank building looked precariously out of place in the typhoon that swept Hongkong over the weekend, uprooting huge trees and driving two ocean going ships ashore.

But that crane, according to a foreman at the construction site, was more safely secured than a big tree anchored by its many roots.

### LEGS SECURED

As early as Saturday morning when the No. 1 typhoon signal was hoisted to warn of the possible arrival of Gloria, workmen on the site started to secure the crane.

The legs that form the base of the crane were secured to the heavy steel cross-beams of the building frame while the jib—that piece on which the hook is attached and through which the weight is lifted—was straightened out till it almost reached a perpendicular position to neutralise any possible swing in the strong winds.

Midway on this jib were attached wire ropes as stays to keep it in the desired position.

Thus the crane remained secure till the strong winds had abated.

### A FLAP

While telling how the crane was secured, the foreman told of a practical joke by some prankster which took place just after typhoon Wendy had passed the Colony in the middle of July this year.

Someone climbed the framework of the building to the 9th floor and attached two pieces of canvas on which was written: "Admire the View; But don't take Risks."

The foreman said the pieces of canvas were first discovered by a European who entered the work office and demanded to see the foreman.

He reported seeing two pieces of cloth "flapping about in the wind" on top of the steel frame. As it was Saturday morning and the men had stopped work because of the winds, no one was sent up to get it down.

### NO LADDER

However, when work resumed next day, workmen found the canvas strips strung across the crane.

The foreman said it was a difficult and precarious job climbing the building frame then as the iron ladder had not been built to facilitate the workmen's ascent to the top.

## RESERVOIRS OVERFLOW

The heavy rain which accompanied Typhoon Gloria helped to swell the Colony's water supply.

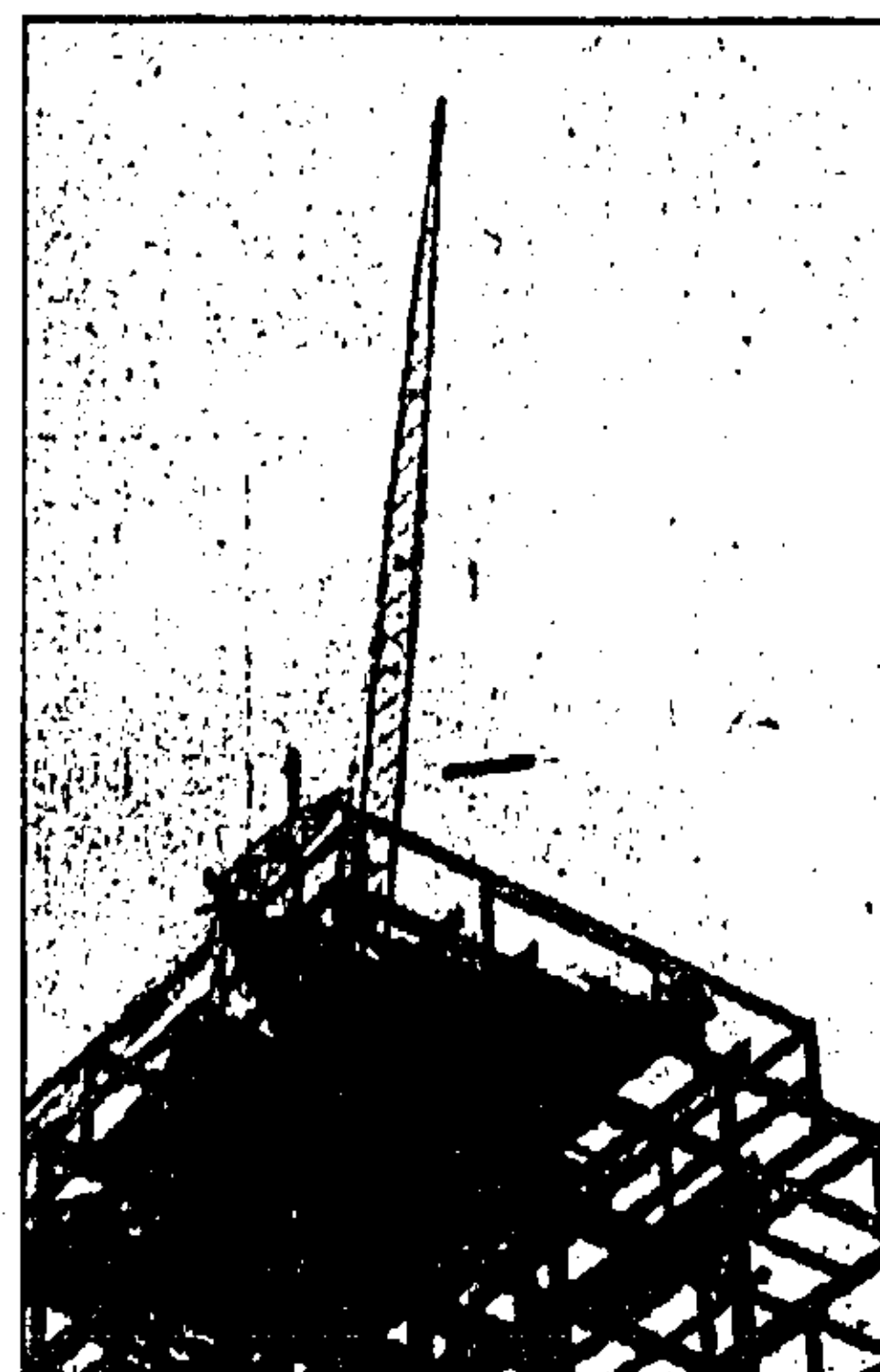
With the exception of Tai Lam Chung, all the Colony's reservoirs are overflowing now.

The total water storage in all the reservoirs is 9,235.74 million gallons. This figure was recorded at 8 am today; and it shows a total gain of 205.74 million gallons during the past 24 hours.

Tai Lam Chung reservoir itself gained 197.53 million gallons during the same period.

The total consumption in 24 hours, ending 8 am today is 61.65 million gallons.

Since it is an amendment, only a simple majority is required for approval of the Indian move.—Reuters.

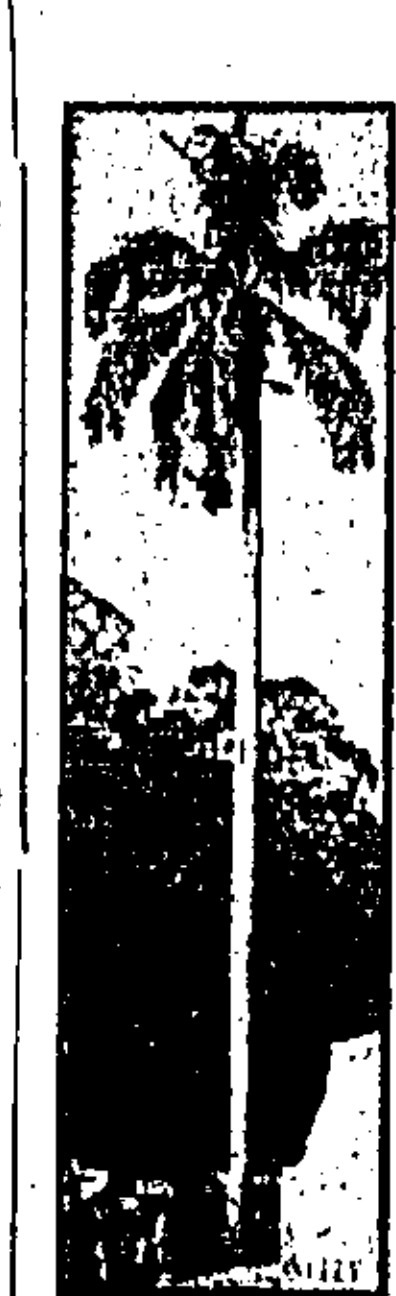


## But Another Bank Suffered A Real Loss . . .

## IT'S THE END FOR 'OLD FAITHFUL'

BY BEATRICE HUTCHEON

Last Sunday Typhoon Gloria carried "Old Faithful" to her ancestors. The 50-foot sentry palm in Queen's Road Central which had for so many years guarded so carefully and so well the fortunes of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was uprooted by the hurricane.



Its majestic form lay right and still along the pavement outside the Bank, a sight which brought a lump in the throat of many an old timer.

"Old Faithful" had weathered many a storm and it was not entirely Typhoon Gloria's fault. Old age was setting in. When the Electric Company laid cables there a few months ago, the tree's roots were not in a very good condition. The laying of the cables caused the giant tree to lean over.

### ONE FROM SINGAPORE

Today it is being removed, but the Bank intends to retain a section, polish it and keep it inside their building as a souvenir.

On the advice of Mr. R. E. Dean, Superintendent of Gardens, the Bank is going to send for another Royal palm from Singapore about ten to 12 feet high to replace "Old Faithful." But because there will not be enough time for the new plant to acclimatise itself before winter sets in, it will not be brought to Hongkong or planted till next spring.

"Old Faithful" was the last of the old Royal palms which have been a part of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank scenery even before the present building was erected in 1835.

The palms were as much a symbol of the Bank as its lions and the tradition was that they brought the Bank good luck.

About two and a half years ago when "Old Faithful" was left standing alone, the Bank had five other young palm trees planted on either side of her in order that tradition may be maintained. Some of them are now about six feet tall.

So even with "Old Faithful" gone, the spell will not be broken for there are strong, thriving palms to keep the flag flying and the Bank's business flourishing.

## MORE TYPHOON SEQUEL NEWS ON BACK PAGE

## Eiffel Tower Suicide

Paris, Sept. 23.

A 63-year-old French woman committed suicide today by jumping off the second platform of the Eiffel Tower.

As she fell her clothes caught in the metal structure of the tower and she remained suspended in mid-air for about half an hour about 100 feet above the ground until firemen reached her.

She was already dead, however. In falling, her body had struck the side of the tower several times.

Identity papers on the body gave the woman's name as Guillemette Rabouette. The last suicide from the Eiffel Tower took place over a year ago when a school teacher threw herself from the tower's first platform.—France-Press.

## Ship Picks Up Five Survivors

### Pamir Latest

New York, Sept. 23. The U.S. Coast Guard announced today that the ss Saxon of the Libbrandt Steamship Company rescued five survivors of the ill-fated German sailing ship Pamir, which sank on Saturday.

The five men picked up were in a group of ten who were in a small lifeboat. The other five did not survive.

The survivors indicated that another boat with about 25 men was also launched from the Pamir.

Flares, presumably from this second boat, have been sighted, the Coast Guard said.

A Coast Guard cutter, several merchant vessels and U.S. Air Force planes from the Azores are converging on the area, the Coast Guard added.

### FLARE SIGHTED

The Pamir carried 35 crew men and 51 teen-age cadets.

The 3,103-ton Pamir, one of the last of the world's wind-jammers was first reported in distress on Saturday.

The owners said that presumed her lost, the Pamir was returning to Hamburg from Buenos Aires when she ran into a hurricane.

Searching ships saw feeble lights and during Sunday spotted a damaged lifeboat—empty.

An American plane later saw two lifeboats and a raft but could see no sign of survivors.

A report from Santarém Airport, Azores, said an American aircraft which had been searching the Atlantic for the Pamir returned to its base today and reported it had sighted a light on the sea but could not make out whether it was a ship or a very light—United Press & Reuters.

### To Be Sold

London, Sept. 23. The former Empress of Japan, a Canadian liner rechristened Empress of Scotland (£6,300 tons) formerly on the Far East Canada service is to be sold, its owners the Canadian Pacific announced today.—France-Press.

## CHARLES OFF TO SCHOOL

London, Sept. 23.

Shouts of "Good luck, Charles!" greeted the eight-year-old heir to the throne today as he arrived in London on his way to Chesham, the boarding school where he will spend the next four years.

Prince Charles, wearing a grey suit, smiled and "waved back" to a crowd of Londoners gathered at Euston station, then drove off with his

parents for his last day at Buckingham Palace, before leaving for the school tonight. The Queen wore black in mourning for King Haakon of Norway. Tonight the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will motor with Charles to the school, set in the rolling Hampshire countryside, then return to continue their holiday in Scotland.—Reuters.

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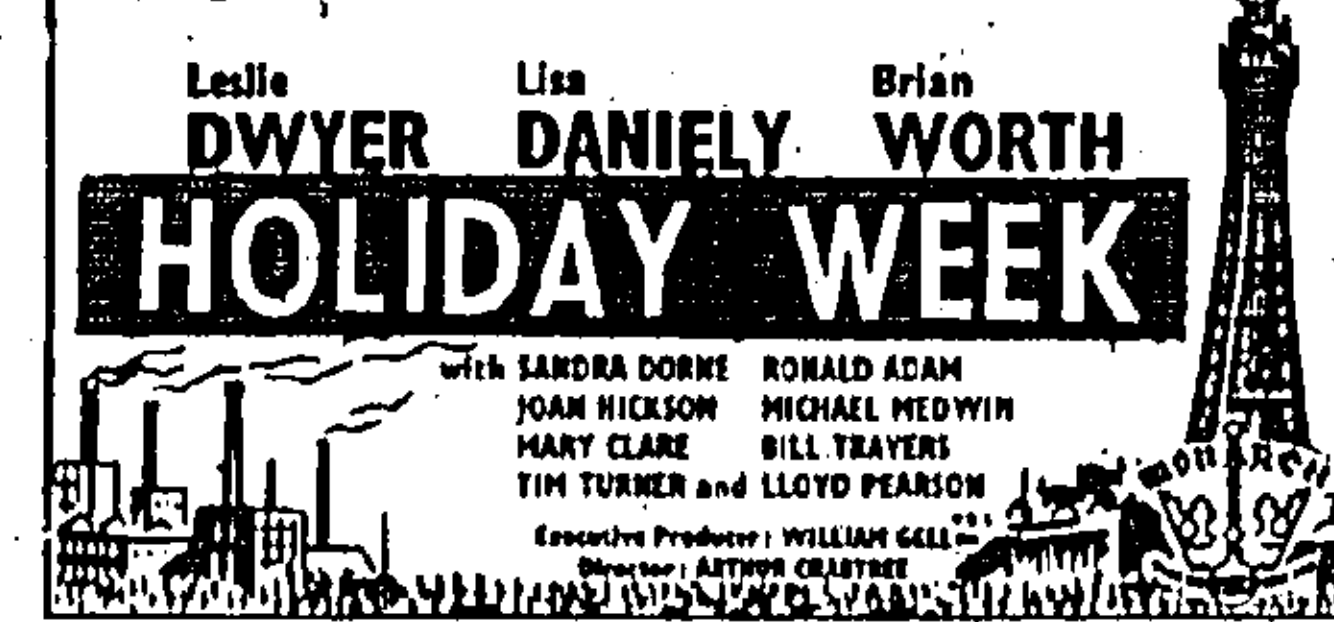
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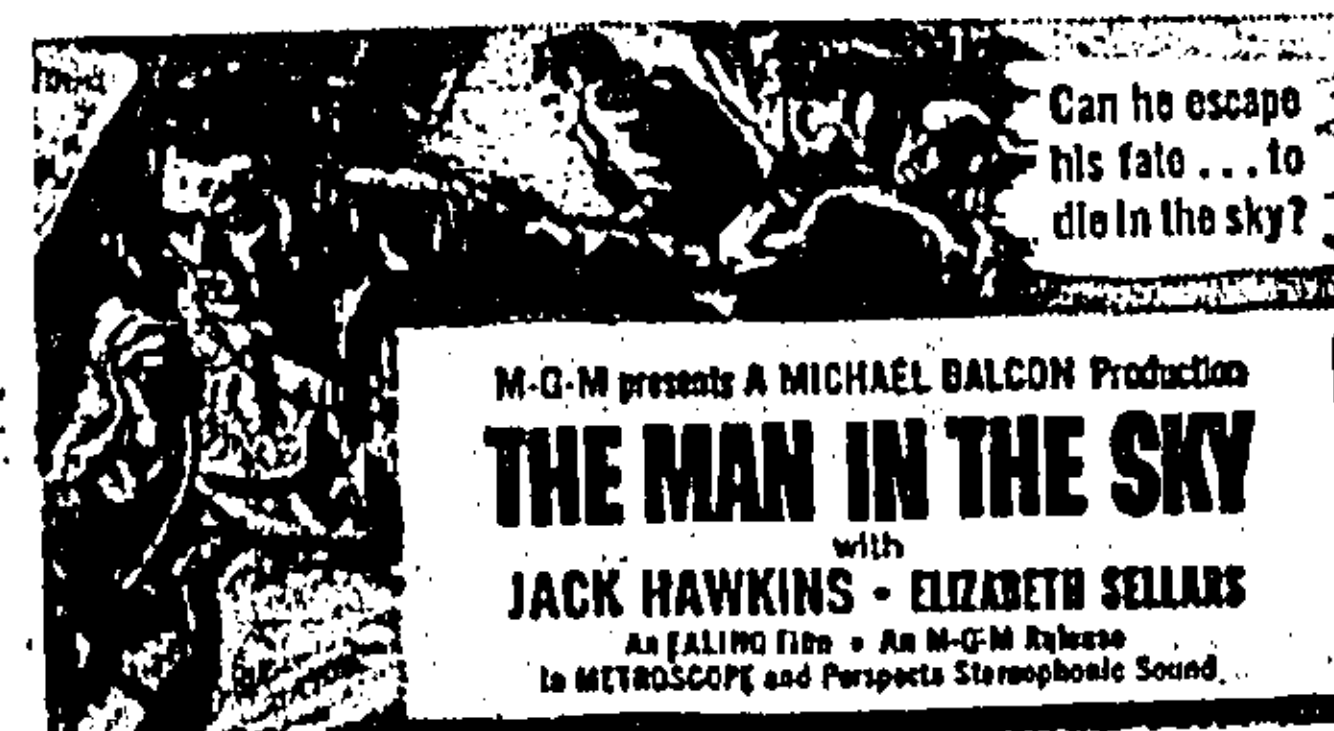
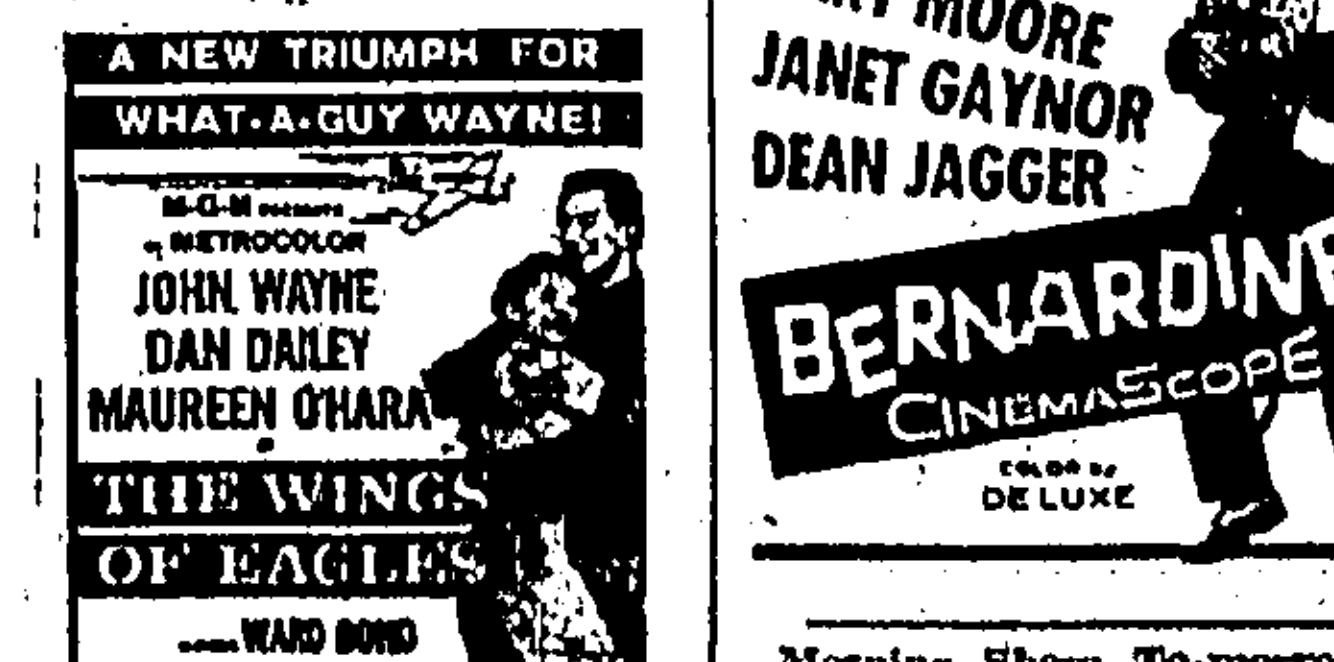
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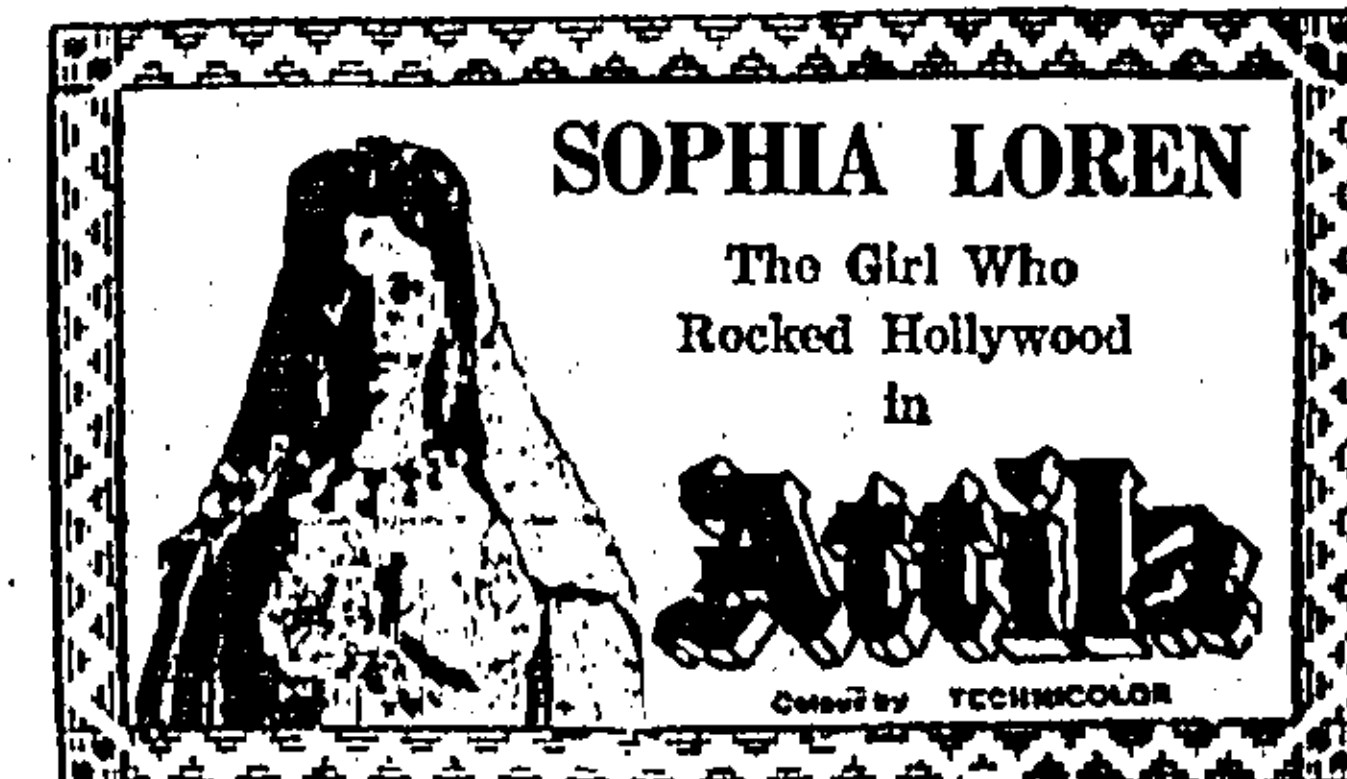
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Annual Tattoo at Woolwich Stadium. The only girl in the  
show is 18-year-old Burritt Cheryl from Rochester, New  
York, who plays the part of Pocahontas in the James Town  
scene. Here she is trying to play the side drum of 17-year-  
old Junior Lance-Bombardier Rodney Winchester. — Army  
News Photo.**LUXURY  
BILL UNDER  
FIRE**Singapore, Sept. 23.  
A committee of the Legisla-  
tive Assembly today re-  
commended that the  
Government scrap its  
proposed Luxury Tax  
Bill.The Select Committee in a  
report said it was probable that  
legislation of so complicated a  
nature would have an adverse  
effect on the entrepot trade of  
Singapore.It had received representa-  
tions that such a law imposing  
a tax on luxuries would damage  
the prestige and reputation of  
Singapore as a free port and  
would have serious repercussions  
on the island's trade and  
economy.The report said many re-  
presentations on the bill were  
made by trading groups and  
chambers of commerce.The bill, a hotly debated  
feature of the Singapore Gov-  
ernment's last budget, was  
sent to the committee after it  
had drawn protests from  
sections of business commu-  
nity.—Reuter.**MAN MEETS  
PATRIOTIC  
GHOST**Ipoh, Sept. 23.  
A very conciliatory ghost  
appeared at midnight re-  
cently in the home of a  
Malay Government em-  
ployee near here.The ghost, an old man dressed  
in white robe, told him to re-  
lease the parakeet from a cage.  
The employee, terrified but  
very calm, accepted to release  
the bird as the ghost had  
threatened him with bad luck.  
But he asked the ghost for  
permission to keep the parakeet  
until after the "Merdeka" cele-  
brations.The old man, a patriotic  
ghost, said, "O.K." and disap-  
peared.—France-Press.**BITTER PROTESTS**New York, Sept. 23.  
The United Nations General  
Assembly decided today, over  
bitter Soviet and Hungarian pro-  
tests, to place on the agenda of  
its current session an item about  
conditions in Hungary.—Reuter.**BRITISH  
MONARCHY  
'(Last Circus)'  
ATTACKED  
AGAIN**London, Sept. 23.  
The British monarchy was  
described as "the gold  
filling in a mouthful of  
deceit" and "the last circus  
of a civilization that has  
lost faith in itself," in a  
violent attack by rising  
young playwright John  
Osborne. In an article in  
the British magazine "En-  
counter."Osborne said, "My ob-  
jection to the Royal symbol  
is that it is dead."He added, "Nobody can  
seriously pretend that the  
Royal round of gracious  
bedroom, the protocol of  
ancient salutes, is polit-  
ically useful or morally  
stimulating."Osborne went on to  
criticize the State visits  
to France and Portugal,  
which he said disguised  
"important political issues  
—such as the barbarity of  
the French Government's  
policy in Algeria, and the  
openly anti-democratic  
constitution of Portugal  
in a shroud of patriotic  
feelings."Deploing "that there  
should be so many empty  
minds, so many empty  
lives in Britain to sustain  
this fatuous industry,"  
Osborne concluded, "A  
Socialist Party that is not  
crediting its potential follow-  
ers with reason or intelli-  
gence."—France-Press.**Their First  
Visit**Livingstone, Sept. 23.  
Elephants have paid a visit  
to the Livingstone Airport for  
the first time in history.This is the airport where DC-  
8B aircraft of the French air-  
line, UAT, call on their way to  
Johannesburg.Footprints round the airport  
showed that the elephants had  
crossed the runways and  
ambled past the airport build-  
ings on their way to the Zam-  
bezi River for a drink.—France-  
Press.**JAPAN CALLS FOR  
RECONVENING OF  
DISARMAMENT MEET**New York, Sept. 23.  
Japan called today for the reconvening of the  
United Nations Disarmament Sub-Committee  
by January 1 and for a suspension of nuclear  
tests when agreement was reached on a system  
to check on such suspension.There were the highlights of  
a draft resolution tabled in the  
United Nations General Assem-  
bly by the Japanese permanent  
delegate, Dr. Koto Matsuudaira.It was submitted under the  
heading of the disarmament  
question, which is on the  
Assembly's agenda.The key portion of the  
Japanese resolution was in its  
two operative paragraphs.The first called for recon-  
vening of the five-nation Dis-  
armament Sub-Committee not  
later than January 1, 1958.**Without Delay**It would instruct the Sub-  
committee, composed of Britain,  
France, the United States,  
Canada and the Soviet Union to:"Continue their endeavour to  
reach agreement without delay  
on the unsettled points of the  
disarmament problem, par-  
ticularly on the initial measures  
of disarmament including the  
inspection system intended to  
ensure the prohibition of manu-  
facture of nuclear weapons and  
the devotion of fissionable  
materials only to peaceful pur-  
poses, and to prevent surprise  
attacks."Secondly, it called on all mem-  
bers of the United Nations to  
suspend all nuclear test explo-  
sions.It said this should take effect  
"from the time an agreement is  
reached in principle on a suspen-  
sion and inspection system  
necessary to verify the suspen-  
sion of tests" until disarmament  
was debated at the Assembly in  
1958.—Reuter.**GERMAN  
CAPITAL  
FOR  
MALAYA**Singapore, Sept. 24.  
More West German capital  
may be invested in Malaya  
if Malayan businessmen  
desire it, the Singapore  
daily Straits Times said  
today quoting a spokes-  
man of the West German  
Consulate in Singapore.The spokesman, Mr. R. Meck,  
a Commercial Consul, said  
Malaya would probably be more  
attractive to German investment  
than Singapore because of its  
abundant natural resources  
which had great opportunities  
for development.**PERMISSION**His statement followed reports  
from West Germany that the  
Federal Ministry of Economics,  
in agreement with the German  
Federal Bank, had announced  
permission for the export of  
capital for overseas investment.  
Mr. Meck was quoted by the  
Straits Times as saying that  
with the lifting of the restric-  
tions in Germany it would be  
simple for German capital to  
flow into Malaya.But it would not be so easy  
on the Malayan side because  
foreign capital could be  
brought here only under certain  
conditions and rules.—Reuter.**BOYD BACK**London, Sept. 23.  
Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, the  
Colonial Secretary, has returned  
to London and resumed his  
duties at the Colonial Office  
after his convalescence in Italy.  
It was announced today.  
The Secretary travelled to  
Italy on September 5 to re-  
cuperate after a gall-bladder  
operation.—Reuter.**Gaitskell  
Wants  
Commons  
Recalled**London, Sept. 23.  
Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, leader  
of the opposition Labour  
Party, tonight asked the  
Prime Minister to recall  
Parliament from its vaca-  
tion to discuss the Gov-  
ernment's drastic new  
economy measures.  
The Government last week  
pushed up the bank rate from  
five per cent to seven per cent  
as one of a series of moves de-  
signed to strengthen the pound  
sterling and halt inflation in-  
side Britain.**SHADOW CABINET**In a message to Mr. Harold  
Macmillan, the Prime Minister,  
after a meeting of "the Shadow  
Cabinet" — Labour Parlia-  
mentary leaders — Mr. Gai-  
tskell asked that the House  
of Commons should meet earlier  
than the scheduled date of Oc-  
tober 29.The message added: "In put-  
ting forward this request, I  
must make it clear that we have  
no desire that anything should  
be said or done which might  
undermine confidence in sterling."  
"But the grave and far-  
reaching measures announced  
last Thursday, together with  
their implications for the nation  
and the circumstances which  
led on to them, should cer-  
tainly be considered by Parlia-  
ment at the earliest possible  
moment."**CHANCELLOR'S RETURN**Mr. Gaitskell suggested the  
debate should take place after  
the return from North America  
of Mr. Peter Thorneycroft,  
Chancellor of the Exchequer  
who is now attending meetings  
of the International Monetary  
Fund in Washington.The view of the Labour  
leaders at their meeting today,  
according to authoritative  
sources, was that the Govern-  
ment has taken severe internal  
measures to deal with what  
is, in fact, an international eco-  
nomic crisis.—Reuter.**TEXTILE  
INDUSTRY  
WARNED**Singapore, Sept. 23.  
The Singapore Chamber of  
Commerce has issued a  
warning to the British  
textile industry that it  
should now rely on good-  
will and old-established  
textile names in its trade  
with Singapore.In a report, the Chamber  
pointed out that China is  
making an apparent effort to  
improve the quality of textile  
imports into Singapore.So far this year, Singapore  
imported 5,000,000 square yards  
more from China than in the  
first half of last year.**WELL ABOVE**At the same time, imports  
from Russia at 2,000,000 square  
yards are well above the ex-  
pected figure.But imports from Britain  
during the same period fell by  
1,500,000 square yards.  
Singapore textile importers  
say that one of the reasons for  
the fall in the popularity of  
British textiles here is the re-  
peated British price increases.—  
France-Press.**QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA**

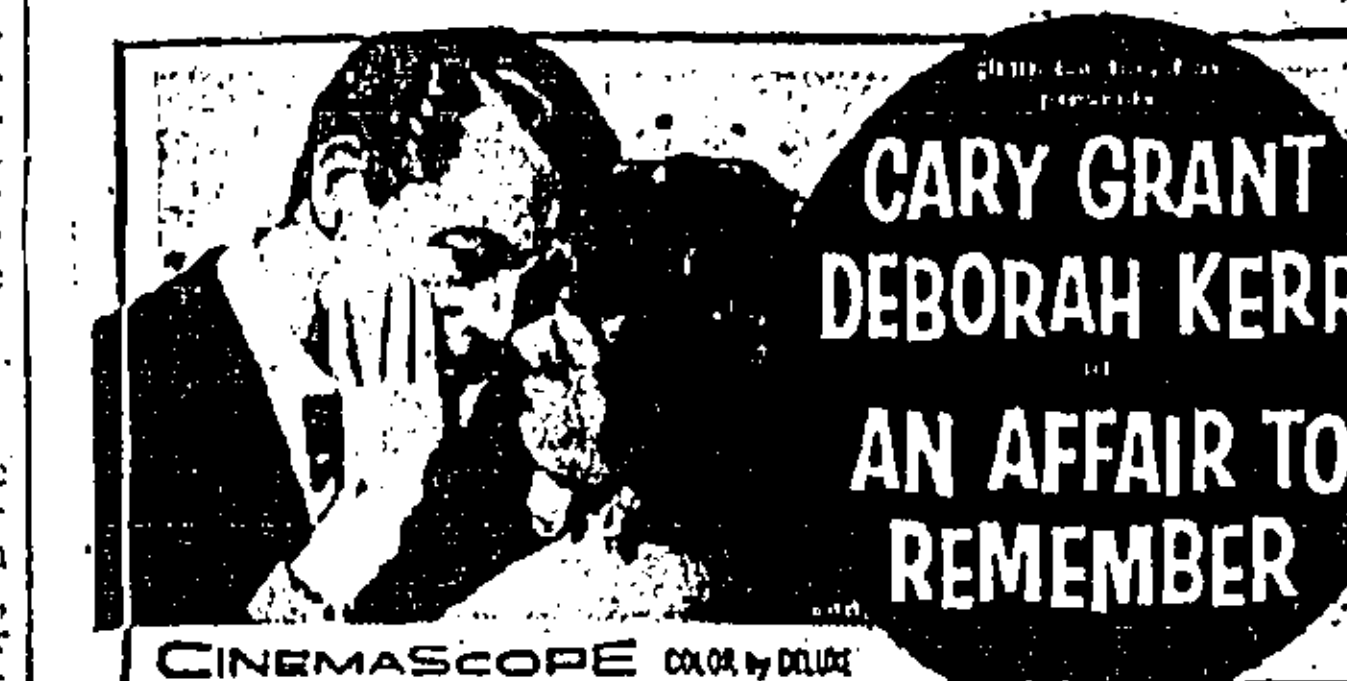
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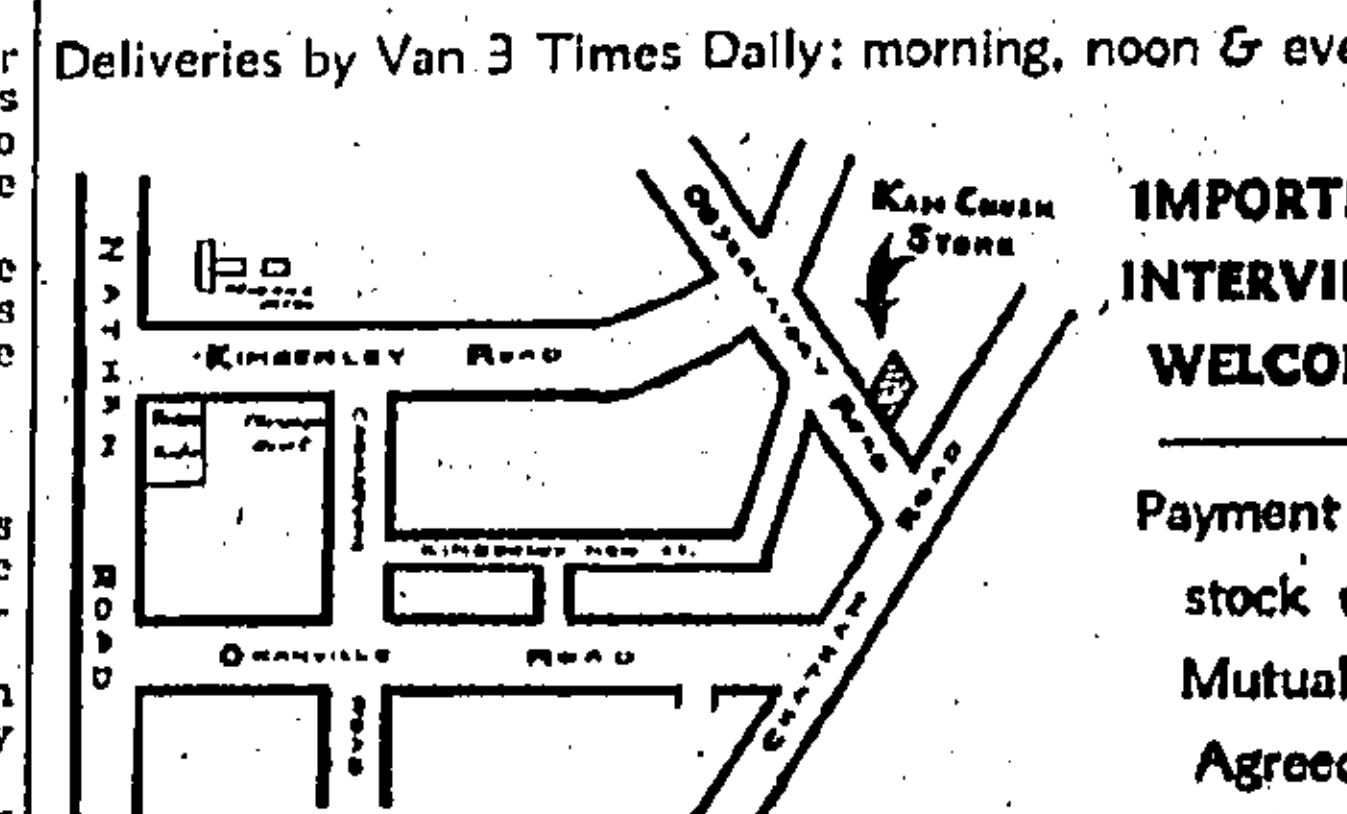
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## Obstruction Will Be Met By Full Power Of US

Newport, Sept. 23. President Eisenhower said here today that he would "use the full power of the United States—including whatever force may be necessary—to prevent any obstruction of the law" in Little Rock, Arkansas, where there have been disturbances over racial integration in schools.

The statement was issued after the President had received reports of today's disorders in Little Rock when negro students entered the Central High School for the first time following a federal court order for racial integration there.

In Little Rock a negro leader appealed to President Eisenhower for protection of the negro students from "the mob."

### The Assurance

The leader, Mrs. L. C. Bates, president of the Arkansas division of the National Association of Coloured People, said in a statement:

"The negro children will not return to Central High School until they have the assurance of the President of the United States that they will be protected against the mob."

The President issued a statement after studying reports of the day of violence at Little Rock, saying:

"I want to make several things very clear in connection with the disgraceful occurrences of today at Central High School in the City of Little Rock."

### Law And Order

"The federal law and orders of a United States district court implementing that law cannot be flouted with impunity by any mob of extremists."

"I will use the full power of the United States—including whatever force may be necessary to prevent any obstruction of the law and to carry out the orders of the federal court."

"Of course, every right-thinking citizen will hope that the American sense of justice and fair play will prevail in this case. It will be a sad day for this country—both at home and abroad—if school children can safely attend their classes only under the protection of armed guards."

"I repeat my expressed confidence that the citizens of Little Rock and of Arkansas will respect the law and will not countenance violence of law and order by extremists."

—Reuter.

## IVORY COAST CATHOLICS VISIT POPE



The Pope seen as he held a special audience of a number of Roman Catholics from the Ivory Coast — at the Vatican. The visitors were conducted by the Rev. Fr. George Cadel. —Keystone Photo.

## SHUNNED BY THE WEST SO 'I Turned To Russia'

London, Sept. 23. The Evening Standard tonight splashes across its front page an interview given by Egypt's President Nasser to Lord Lambton, a former Junior Minister in Mr Harold Macmillan's Government.

### IMPOSSIBLE

Since the Suez crisis, however, this has become impossible and he had been forced to turn to Russia.

Lord Lambton quotes the President as saying: "What alternative did I have? A short time ago I was down to one month's supply of meat and 15 days' supply of petrol."

"I asked for aid from America. They refused to give it to me. What could I do?" —Reuter.

## SAVED BY A STUBBORN DONKEY

Jungfrauoch, Sept. 23. A British duke and a Hollywood film star were saved from almost certain death in a blizzard on a Swiss mountainside today because a donkey did what most donkeys do sometimes—it refused to move.

The Duke of Bedford, 39, is doing the spoken commentary for television film on the work of a film unit on location.

The film he chose is "High Hell" which stars 27-year-old Elaine Stewart.

### ON LOCATION

The unit were on location on the 11,339-foot Jungfrauoch when they were caught in a blizzard which blotted out the whole mountainside in a few minutes.

With three members of the team shooting the film, the Duke and Miss Stewart—and the donkey—were left behind while two Swiss guides escorted the main party back to their hotel.

The party decided to try to reach the hotel alone but after stumbling through the storm for a few minutes the donkey refused to budge.

### STAYED PUT

They tried to coax it, push it and pull it—but it still stayed put.

So the party stayed huddled on the mountainside until the guides returned for them when the blizzard died down.

Then they discovered why the donkey had refused to move—the party was on the edge of a crevasse.—China Mail Special.

## Mother Gets Her Wish—In A Cemetery

Singapore, Sept. 23. A now-born Chinese infant was lying in a wood box among the tombstones of a Singapore cemetery one night.

Strange enough a Chinese mother of three girls who had always desired a baby boy happened to pass along. She heard the baby boy's cries, and she rushed in and picked him up.

His parents so far have not been traced and happy Mrs Chong Yit-yin hopes very much to be able to keep the heaven-sent boy.—France-Press.

## INCREASE COTTON TRADE WITH FAR EAST CALL

Venice, Sept. 23. Mr W. T. Winterbottom, of Britain, President of the International Federation of Cotton and Allied Textile Industries, said here today that cotton manufacturers had good chances of selling more of their goods.

Mr Winterbottom was speaking at a meeting of the Federation, attended by 200 cotton industrialists from 17 countries, including Japan.

Part of this optimism, he said, is based on modern sales drives, such as urging housewives to change towels and bedclothes twice a week and illustrating the advantages of the new-ton shirt.

He told the delegates "the outlook on the possibilities of increasing textiles consumption in general is bright, even in end-uses which up to now were thought to be near saturation point."

Reviewing the industry's condition Mr Winterbottom also:

★ Criticised "irksome government interference" in the cotton trade by price support schemes and other devices.

★ Stressed intensified competition by countries which imported textiles in the past, but are now building up industries of their own to supply the home market and for export, and

★ Described the Common European Market and the projected associated Free Trade Area as a "happy and encouraging development."

A report by Hans Merkle, of Germany, Vice-President of the Federation, also urged the greatest possible degree of liberalisation of the cotton trade.

He said it would be a "realistic plan if we aimed at raising per capita consumption by five to ten per cent in the next ten years."

Herr Merkle's report, read in his absence, urged increased

trade exchanges with Asia, adding that Europe does not conceive them as a one-way street from East to West.—Reuter.

## Americans Return To Moscow

Moscow, Sept. 23. Bob Williamson, 19, and Nina Landau, 23, two of the 42 Americans who defied the State Department warning against visiting Red China, returned here today on their way back to the West.

Both New York City residents, they arrived here from Peking aboard a Russian TU-104 airliner but missed connections for Prague and planned to spend the night here.

Neither intended to report to the US Embassy, they said.

### WE ARE GLAD

"We are glad we went to China," Williamson said. "The trip was worthwhile. We saw both good and bad things." Miss Landau said the Chinese "were completely frank about their poverty and shortcomings."

Both said they would appeal if the State Department invalidated their passports.

Two other Americans returned earlier from the China trip.—United Press.

## Accused Of Supplying Secrets To Get Scoop

Jerusalem, Sept. 23. Rafi Eylon, a one-eye Israeli newspaperman, stood trial here today accused of supplying military information to Egypt in exchange for a promised "scoop" interview with President Nasser.

Eylon returned to Israel last month after being detained in Egypt for several weeks following his arrest at Suez harbour in July aboard a Danish freighter on a voyage through the Suez Canal.

Two police officers alleged in court that Eylon admitted to Israeli interrogators on his return from Egypt that he had given an Egyptian officer information about the location of Israeli military installations.

The Egyptian officer identified as Lieutenant-Colonel Ali failed to keep his promise to arrange an exclusive interview with President Nasser, a police officer stated.—China Mail Special.

## Portuguese Denial

Panlim, Sept. 23. The Portuguese Government has no intention of setting up a Portuguese or North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) military base in Goa, a spokesman for Portuguese authorities in Goa said today.

Denying sporadic reports of plans for a military base, the spokesman said the Portuguese Government had given all possible assurances to the Indian Government on the subject.—France-Press.

## 'WE ARE STRONGER'

Tel Aviv, Sept. 23. The Israeli Air Force is now strong enough "to deal with the Syrian and the Egyptian air forces, at the same time," Brigadier Dan Tulkowski, Commander of the Israeli Air Force, said in an interview

## IT'S THE PRINCIPLE MAIS OUI?

Paris, Sept. 23. The French Academy of Moral and Political Sciences has decided that it should defend the use of French as an international language by refusing to accept a letter written to it in English.

Its Secretary, M. Emile Mireaux, told the academicians today that he had received a letter in English from an international body in Vietnam asking the members of the Academy to co-operate with it.

He replied saying that as French was "also an international language the request should be in French. He got a reply in English, so decided to consult his colleagues."

They agreed that the letter should be in French, so now M. Mireaux will write again.

The name of the international body was not revealed.—China Mail Special.

## SANDYS REPORTS

London, Sept. 23. Mr Duncan Sandys, Minister of Defence, who has been on a tour of Australia, Singapore and Hongkong tonight called on Prime Minister Mr Harold Macmillan at No. 10 Downing Street, and gave him a first report on his travels.—France-Press.

London, Sept. 23. The sunspot cycle has reached its peak and caused severe disturbances to radio communications during the past two days it was reported here today. The disturbances are expected to last for another day or two days.—China Mail Special.

## ALLOWED TO VISIT SEQUESTERED PROPERTY

London, Sept. 23. Small groups of British businessmen will be allowed to visit Egypt to inspect their sequestered property, according to a statement issued by the Treasury tonight.

The statement, which is based on reports submitted by the two British officials who recently went to Egypt, said that a limited number would be permitted to go at any one time.

Information obtained by the two officials—one from the Treasury and the other the Bank of England—was now being collected, the statement added.

### INFORMATION

This information included "the present state of some of the sequestered concerns, the construction placed by the Egyptians on legislation authorising sequestration, the application of requisitioning charges, and the terms upon which particular concerns have been sold."

The statement said: "The Egyptian authorities informed the minister that they were willing to allow visits by the owners of British firms to visit installations remaining under sequestration."

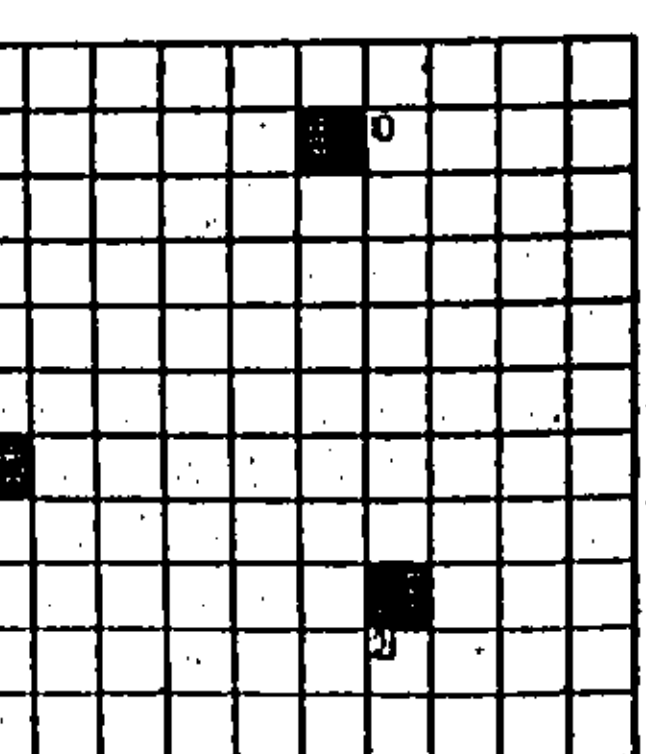
A Foreign Office spokesman said here today that when the two officials visited Egypt they "did not find as much co-operation as they had hoped for from Egyptian authorities." —China Mail Special.

## THE SKELETON

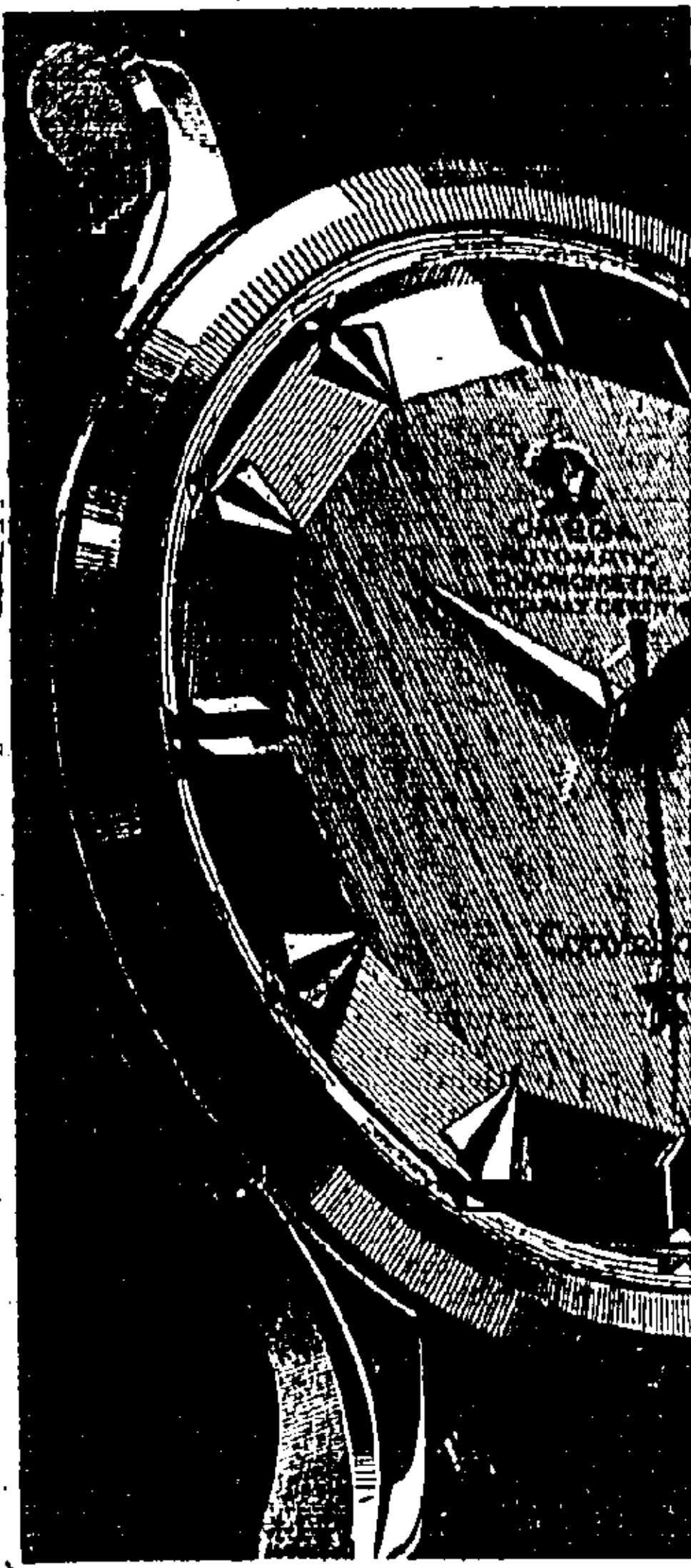
IN the Skeleton Crossword the black squares and clue numbers have to be filled in as well as the words. Four black squares and four clue numbers have been inserted to give you a start. The black squares form

- Across
3. Punish for making a stench
  5. More than a day's work for the builders
  10. Dry bed in the Suez district
  11. Point of the Indian army's advance
  13. Unimpaired people left in ignorance
  14. Given very shortly by the impatient executioner
  15. Review wretchedly past productions of a play (four words)
  16. With which the climbing perch climbs
  18. Unbreakable plate
  20. Crash into the attendant when you rush about
  21. Not all there
  22. Ordered half the side to have some religion
- Down
1. Nothing about that met bloomer
  2. How you may behave when she's in the room
  4. He should be on top of his job
  6. He takes stock of industrial requirements
  7. They look and sound as if they are agreeable
  7. Profitable occupation for a mint employee (two words)
  8. Plant lacking cold-weather experience
  11. Enough to make a whaler weep
  12. Entertainment may be obtained thereat
  17. No change when Sam gives a direction
  18. Disease reduced to a mere fever

a symmetrical pattern; the top half matches the bottom half and the two sides correspond. So you can fill in 12 more squares at once to correspond with those given.



- MONDAY'S SOLUTION
- DOWN
1. BLOOMER
  2. BEHAVE
  4. JOB
  6. STOCK
  7. AGREEABLE
  7. MINT
  8. PLANT
  11. WHALER
  12. ENTERTAINMENT
  17. NO
  18. FEVER
- ACROSS
3. PUNISH
  5. WORK
  10. DRY
  11. POINT
  13. UNIMPAIRED
  14. GIVEN
  15. REVIEW
  16. WITH
  18. UNBREAKABLE
  20. CRASH
  21. NOT
  22. ORDERED



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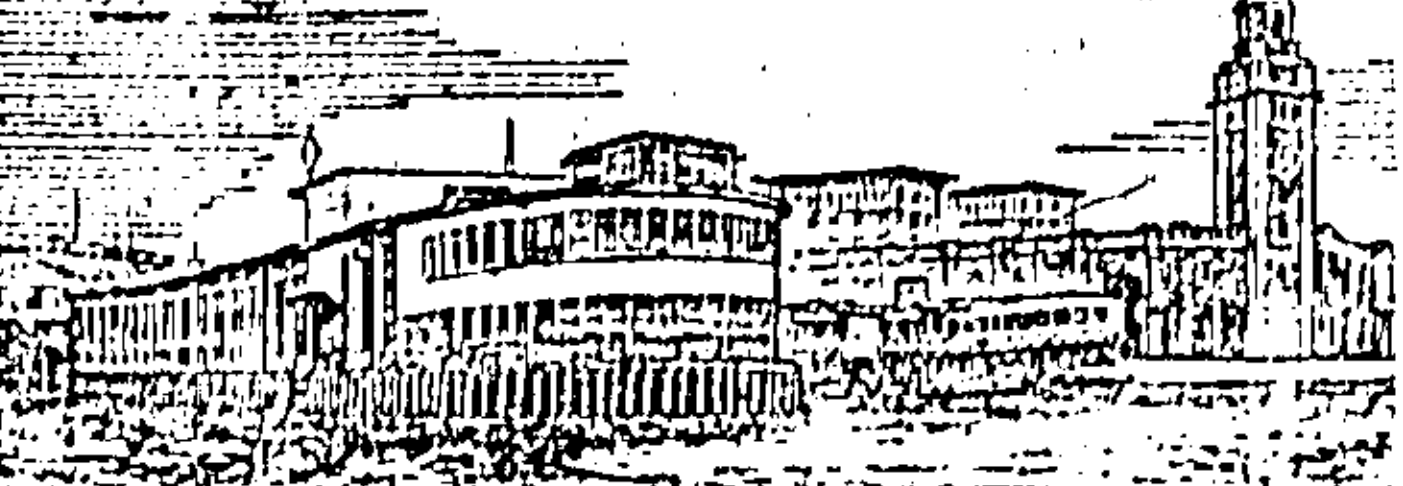
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## The girl from Brighton won a Prince

SHE was the girl from Brighton who became the mistress of the Emperor of France. Who was she? Well, to tell the truth, no one has ever been quite sure. In France they called her Miss Howard. But no one has known much about her, until now.

For now, after diligent research, Simone Andre Maurois—wife of the eminent French bookman—has written **MISS HOWARD AND THE EMPEROR** (Collins, 18s.).

She tells us that there was never really a Miss Howard at all. Instead, we must turn to little Elizabeth Haytett, the child of a Brighton shoemaker. Providing shoes for George IV's Court, Papa Haytett grew rich. He retired to Norfolk. There his pious wife ran a village workroom where neighbours came to sew for the poor. To lovely young Elizabeth fell the task of reading aloud while the needles clicked. She read the Bible. She read Shakespeare.

Even expurgated, Shakespeare was enough. Elizabeth caught a passion for the stage. Her parents naturally were horrified. But when a rich friend from Brighton came visiting, opportunity came along as well.

### A failure

The rich friend took the girl off to London to make her an actress (stage name: Elizabeth Howard). And he made her his mistress too.

As an actress Elizabeth failed. As a mistress she never looked back.

From the rich friend, she went on to someone even richer. She was now 18. Enthused one admirer: "The head of an antique came upon a superb body." Her new protector ruled wealth on her. He gave her a great house in St John's Wood. He gave her a son. He also gave her a position in broad-minded aristocratic society.

And one evening in that velvet moment of destiny ticked.

Elizabeth saw the man who would put her in the history books. A man with sad, big eyes, an imposing body, and very short legs. Elizabeth courted him. It was Prince Louis Napoleon, nephew of the great Bonaparte.

The year was 1846. The prince, having attempted two madcap revolutions, was an exile. He was also very poor. But Elizabeth, after many shrewd property investments, was very rich indeed. Soon the exiled prince was lodging with her at her town house.

### Confessions

To her new lover Elizabeth confessed all her sins. Then the prince too had a confession. During imprisonment in France he had taken an interest in the welfare of his ward's daughter. He had offered the girl lessons in handwriting and grammar. The result of the lessons? Two little Napoleons.

Gladly Elizabeth agreed to



THIS is Professor Paul, the sad and absurd Russian exile who plays the little role in Maurois' most outstanding novel—*Pinin*, by Vladimir Nabokov (Helm, 18s. 6d.). Author Nabokov is also responsible for the notorious, depraved *Invitation to a Beheading* (published only in Paris), which was denounced in the Sunday Express. But *Pinin* now proves how wise the *Observer* was when it said that Nabokov might have gone on wasting his genius on tedious depravity instead of producing this tragicomic masterpiece.

look after the boys along with her own natural son. Two radiant years sped by. At last, in 1846, revolution broke over Europe. Prince Louis Napoleon hurried back to France. Elizabeth went too. The prince was elected to the Assembly. But he was not content to remain an M.P. When the costly election campaign for a new President began, Elizabeth drew on her fortune without stint. The prince was elected.

As President, the prince shone. And Elizabeth shone with him. But the Assembly refused to allow him a second term.

What could be done? Again Elizabeth's cash clinked. The police were bribed. The army was kept loyal. On a December morning members of the Assembly were arrested in their beds. Elizabeth's hero not only stayed President. Within a year he had proclaimed himself Emperor Napoleon III.

Elizabeth had helped to make an emperor. But she had lost a lover.

The emperor needed an heir. For an heir, he needed an empress. After much thought, though his letters had hinted that he would marry her—the emperor decided that Elizabeth's past life and her flighty nature disqualified her. Then one day Elizabeth was honoured by being sent on a secret State mission to England. On reaching the coast she learned that the emperor had announced his coming marriage to Eugenia di Montijo.

## UNDER THE PLASTIC PALMS

● No exotic setting this—but a shot from one of Pinewood's artificial jungles. The palms are made of plastic. The star: Natasha Parry, making a scene for "Window's Way," a new Rank production.

## Where they make 450 new faces a day

by JOHN LAMBERT

EVERY weekday morning at seven o'clock a big kettle is steaming in the make-up department of Pinewood Studios. The kettle, with a teapot beside it, is a comforting start to a complex day.

For within 90 minutes the nine assistants working with make-up artists George Blackler and Billy Partleton have to supervise the make-up of 450 stars, supporting actors, and crowd players.

And with a £5,000,000 film production schedule going on in the studios at

the moment even the creation of 450 faces for the cameras must be done to a time deadline.

Some of the faces are famous. Others are yet unknown. But wherever you go in the studio there is a girl with a make-up kit standing by.

### Less Familiar

EVEN the famous faces have a less-familiar look today, with nine films—ranging from costume drama to sophisticated comedy—being made.

On the set of "Tale of Two Cities" Dirk Bogarde has the face of a nineteenth-century dandy. Bogarde is the King of Pinewood. He is the star who has first choice of any story the studio buys. He is the star whose name is a certain guarantee at the box-office.

He has an overworked, harassed look on his still boyish face. But he is determined to go on overworking.

### Scared

SAYS he: "For some reason that I cannot fathom the public has accepted me as a star. But it is only now, after 10 years at it that I'm beginning to enjoy that position."

"I'm scared stiff playing Sidney Carton, the hero of 'Tale of Two Cities.' It's completely unlike all the 'Doctor' pictures and men in raincoats that the public has accepted me in. This part has to have style and elegance. It is a challenge—and that's what I want now."

"There are three other films lined up for me as soon as I finish this. One of them is 'Lawrence of Arabia.' That is another challenge... and that's what makes overworking worth while."

On the set of "Window's Way" a girl with a face that was once familiar is challenging her own misfortune. Her name is

Natasha Parry. Her face, gentle with velvet eyes, is very beautiful.

A few years ago Natasha Parry seemed certain of stardom. Then illness cracked her career. For three years she has fought the frailness of her body. Now she is starting again.

She is doing so by dying in a paddy field built on the "Window's Way" set. It is a cold, arduous job. But Natasha Parry says: "Everybody has been so kind and understanding with me. I feel wonderful being back at work, and I'm sure I'm going to be all right now."

On the same set there is a girl who has definitely kept her face away from the cameras for two years now. She is Mary Ure. She has a cool, sculptured face. She also has a cool, determined will.

### Selected

SAYS she: "This is the first film role that I have accepted since I signed a contract with the Rank Organisation, because it is the first role that I have liked. I can only set in roles that I think are worth doing."

As her role as a doctor's wife in "Window's Way" is one of the plum women's parts of the year it looks as if Mary Ure will go on getting her own way.

On the set of "The Gipsy and the Gentleman" there is a face that marks a new trend in Pinewood. It is the bold, blazing face of Melina Mercouri. She is a Greek actress who earned enormous praise for her performance in "Stella."

Hollywood wanted Mercouri. But she did not want Hollywood. She came to Pinewood instead to play the wanton gipsy in this Regency costume drama.

### Passion

SHE is a fiery actress who doesn't mind where her sparks fall. Says she: "I do not want to be a stupid Hollywood glamour puss. Such women are ridiculous. I want to play passionate, vivid characters. I came to Britain because there are very few actresses here who could play such a part. They are mostly milkops."

Pinewood is getting used to big international talents with

big temperaments like Melina Mercouri. Red Steiger, with his volatile "Method" acting style, was there recently for "Across the Bridge." So was Louis Jourdan for "Dangerous Exile."

A more gentle Hollywood name, Barry Fitzgerald, is here now for an Irish comedy called "Rooney."

### Muddy

ON the set of "Carve Her Name With Pride" there is a girl with the face that is likely to become the most internationally known from Pinewood. She is Virginia McKenna, a delicate blonde with steel-strong talent.

Her face is splashed with mud at the moment. She is playing a French Resistance heroine. But her face was also prominent for "A Town Like Alice." And despite the drabness, her performance has been highly praised in America.

But she won't go to Hollywood. Says she: "I would like to make one film there, but I think my future is right here."

The studio restaurant is crowded. But how many faces in that crowd will stand out to stardom? I can see three that look likely.

### Talent

ONE is Anne Heywood, a brunette ex-beauty queen who has suddenly landed big parts in "Dangerous Exile" and "Violent Playground." Some people at Pinewood are surprised at her success. I'm not.

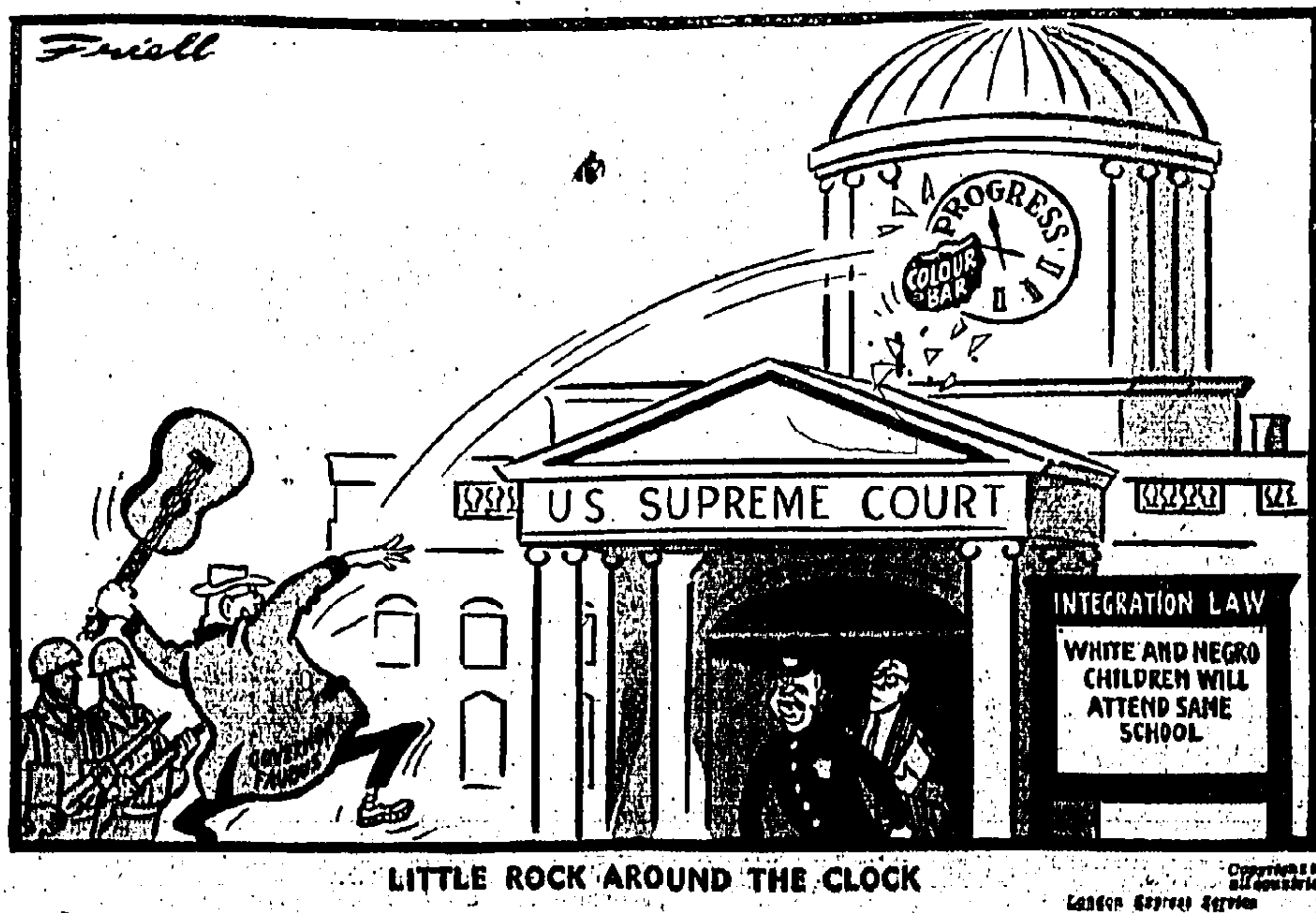
This girl has come up a long, hard way through beauty parades, provincial music-halls, and junkets. She has talent and beauty. But most of all she has determination.

Another is Michael Craig. He is making four pictures this year after playing bit parts for four years. Craig is tough-looking, and he knows when to get tough about parts now, too.

Patrick McGowan is the other contender. He has a mobile face matched with solid talent. "High Tide at Noon" and "Hell Drivers" show that. All he needs is more experience.

At six o'clock every weekday evening the kettle goes back on the boil in the Pinewood make-up department. For 450 faces have to be wiped clear of make-up.

But the big challenge to Pinewood, with the biggest production boom in its history going on, is whether you remember its faces.



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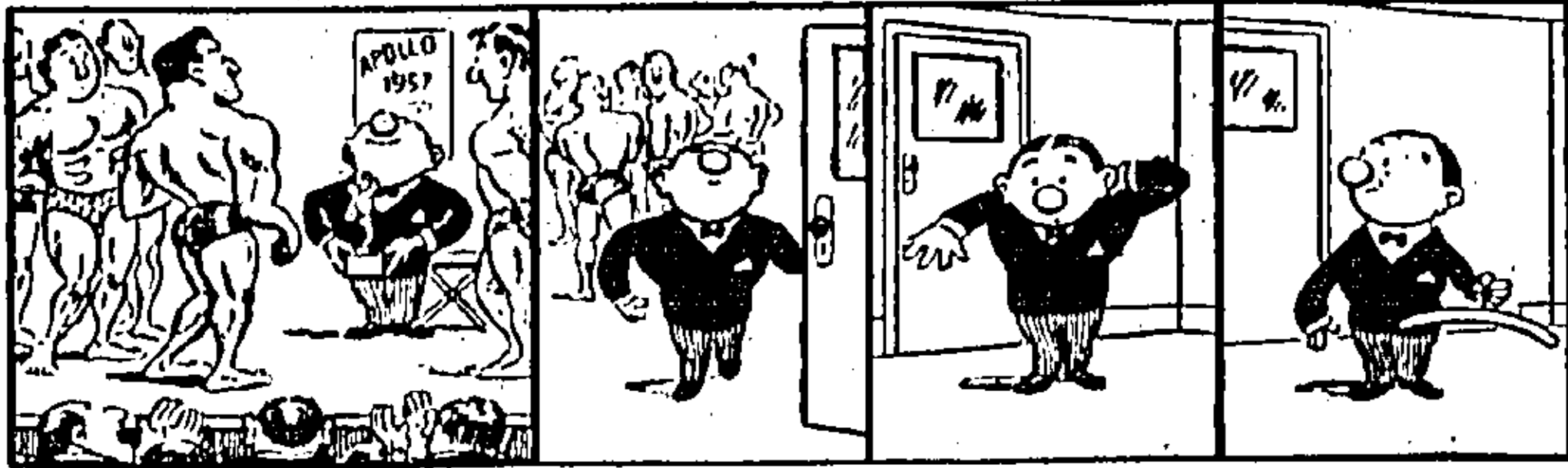


# WILL THIS M PLAN BE A GOOD THING FOR SOCCER?

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SPORTING SAM

by Reg. Wootton



## £30,000 QUIXALL ASKS FOR A TRANSFER

By JAMES CONNOLLY

London.

Albert Quixall, 22-year-old English international inside-right, has asked for a transfer from Sheffield Wednesday. I can now reveal that this is his second request in recent weeks.

Quixall, one of the few young and really great inside forwards in soccer today, is determined to fight his way back into the England team, and thinks that a change of clubs might help.

His value, if Wednesday decide to part, is £30,000-plus. Newcastle have always wanted him. Sunderland watch him as a possible successor to Len Shackleton. Arsenal and Wolves would almost certainly bid.

Quixall made the headlines when he was capped in 1954. He was the right-wing partner of Tom Finney against Wales and Stanley Matthews against Ireland.

He was hailed as the answer to England's inside forward problem, but after three more caps against Continental teams he faded out of international football.

Last season he flared back to form and, as Wednesday's top scorer, was again on the fringe of the England team.

### HE HAS PROBLEMS

You might think that Top-of-the-Soccer World Matt Busby has no problems—but you would be wrong. Matt has the constant worry that some of his young Manchester United stars may soon ask for a move.

Consider his position. He has players like Wilf McGuinness, Mark Jones, Ian Greaves, Bobby Charlton, Colin Webster, Geoff Whitefoot, and Alex Dawson, who are definitely first-team material, but who can't break in at Old Trafford.

Matt is embarrassed by the success of his youth system. His boys, for instance, have won

the FA Youth Cup every season since it was started five years ago.

There are always youngsters and new faces battling for recognition which, with his highly successful championship team, Matt can't give.

Matt knows that the parting must come some time. He can only hope that it will be delayed long enough for his wonderful Manchester United team to be well on the way towards their third successive Football League Championship.

**COMEBACK AT 38?**

Benny Fenton, the Colchester manager, will almost certainly make his comeback as a player before his 39th birthday next month.

Benny, who decided to finish playing at the end of last season, has been busy looking for a suitable replacement, but he can't get the right youngster.

"I have been in regular training with the players," he told me, "and I am still registered as a Colchester player. I should be match fit in another week or so. Being a wing-half means that I have to do a lot of chasing, so I had to train all the harder."

**CHASING LEFT WINGERS**

Four of soccer's big spenders, Manchester City, Wolves, Sheffield Wednesday, and Cardiff, all chase left wingers.

Manchester City are still interested in Ray Sambrook (Coventry), but the others follow Peter Wright (Colchester), Ron Heckman (Leyton Orient), and Trevor Chamberlain (Fulham).

Wolves and Wednesday have both checked on Heckman, the former inside-forward who has returned to form this season on the left wing.

Cardiff recently made an offer for Chamberlain, a fast, direct, goal-scoring winger.

Wright, a part-timer, is also being watched by England selectors.

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## West Indians Hit By 'Flu'

London, Sept. 23.

Four members of the West Indies cricket team have been hit by influenza.

They are Cecil de Caires, joint manager, Clyde Walcott, Bruce Paundrell and Garfield Sobers.

The team is due to sail home tomorrow and it is hoped that De Caires and Sobers will be fit enough to travel.

Walcott and Paundrell are remaining in Britain for a time, as their travel arrangements are not affected. —France-Press.

## HOME RUGGER RESULTS

London, Sept. 23.

Results of tonight's Rugby Union and League matches were:

Northampton 14, Rugby 3.  
Birkenhead Park 12, Newbridge 0.  
Redruth 5, Rosslyn Park 0.  
Llanelli 15, Pontypool 6.  
Weston-Super-Mare 0, Macclesfield 6.  
Rugby League—County Match Lancashire 11, Yorkshire 23. —Reuter.

### WORLD CUP

Santiago, Chile, Sept. 23. Chile beat Bolivia 2-1 in their preliminary World Soccer Cup match (South American Zone—Group Two) here today.

Bolivia led 1-0 at half time. —Reuter.

## MCDONALD MOVES IN



Burnley goalkeeper McDonald moves in to take the ball from the foot of Smith, the Burnley left-back, during the First Division match against Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane, Tottenham, London on September 7. Spurs won 3-1. —Reuterphoto.

## FOR SOCCER?

### It Is Much Too Defence Conscious

Says DON REVIE

The latest Leslie McDowall Plan has hit football with a resounding thwack. The Manchester City Manager is now well known as one of football's original thinkers, but football players and fans are now wondering whether the latest M plan is going to be a good thing or a bad thing for the game.

It is now a matter of soccer history that Mr McDowall, the former Sunderland and Manchester City half-back, revolutionised football thinking a few years ago when he put a No 9 shirt on Don Revie and made him really the first of the deep centre-forwards in British football. The Revie Plan paid off. Manchester City reached the Cup Final in 1955 and unfortunately lost to Newcastle United chiefly through an injury to right-back Jimmy Meadows.

In 1956 Manchester City were back at Wembley again, when the Deep Revie Plan won them the Cup.

Since then Don Revie has been transferred to Sunderland

and not even their most fervent supporters would say that Manchester City have been a howling success.

But now Mr McDowall has produced his new plan.

The new M Plan is briefly this: Keith Mardon, a former centre-forward who has also played at centre-half, comes out with a No. 10 shirt on his back. In fact he plays as an extra stopper centre-half.

He is the king of the penalty area; the boss man who waits there ready to cover full-backs and centre-half should a breakthrough occur.

**NEED NEW TACTICS**

I applaud Mr McDowall for his courage in introducing yet another tactic into our football.

I believe that soccer should never stand still. We need new techniques and new strategies, and when managers fail to produce these, then the game will suffer.

criticise Mr McDowall, however, for thinking in terms of defensive strategy. I appreciate his problems. The first essential of any manager is to stabilise his defence. But was it necessary to be so negative in his approach?

I think we are all agreed that Arsenal, though a great side, were also a handicap to football when they introduced the stopper centre-half, with Herbert Roberts. From that time soccer became a defence-conscious, whereas the idea of the game is to SCORE GOALS.

I think we should all wait and see how Manchester City's new plan develops. But from my brief experience of it I would make these points:

(1) The chief aim is stop, at all costs, the centre-forward of the opposing side.

(2) They say the best plan is to have a spare man in attack. In Manchester City's plan the aim is to have a spare man in defence. Very often this man is making no man at all, just floating free so to speak, ready to check any down-the-middle thrust for goal.

(3) Under this plan, City are virtually reduced to four forwards. So basically, they are relying on the opposing side to make mistakes before they can score goals.

Maybe I am completely wrong in my assessment and I would point out quite frankly that we must all wait and see how this

new tactic develops. But my first impression is this: It may be a good thing for Manchester City, but I honestly feel there may be a tendency to develop still further the defensive policy in modern soccer.

I believe Mr McDowall did a great service to football when he introduced his Deep Revie Plan. I only hope his new Plan is equally successful. At the moment I cannot see how this will be—but maybe, I will be proved wrong.

**FAMILY AFFAIRS**

I was asked the other week at a sports quiz: "Do you think it fair that relatives or members of the same family should play on opposite sides in a sporting contest?"

Well, what do you think?

I can only point to the Bolton Wanderers—Manchester United game recently, when the Bolton inside-right, Dennis Stevens, was marked by his own cousin, Duncan Edwards of Manchester United.

I happen to know that the pair of them played in the same schoolboy XI when young "Steve" used to play inside-left and act as the guide, philosopher and friend of his young and smaller cousin Duncan Edwards, who was on the left wing.

Yet at Burton there was an accident when Edwards and Stevens clashed for the ball and young Steve was carried off the field.

They thought at first it was a broken leg. Happily it was nothing worse than a swollen ankle. But it just goes to show that a player forgets who he is playing against in his determination to get the ball.

Don't I know it! Some of the hardest tackles I have ever faced came from—my own brother Joe in our schooldays! (COPYRIGHT)

## SHEK O GOLF

### Championship Starting Times

The draw for the first round of the Shek O Country Club Golf Championship, to be played on Sunday, September 23, is as follows:

**AM. P.M.**  
9.00 1.00 H. P. Mooney—H. Cleland.  
9.15 1.15 H. G. Bannan—M. A. Woolhouse.  
9.30 1.30 I. H. Kirkman—A. B. Henning.  
9.45 1.45 S. S. Gordon—W. S. Vaughan.  
10.00 2.00 O. Turville—R. J. Newton.  
10.15 2.15 G. O. D. Carter—G. Bell.  
10.30 2.30 I. H. Kendall—A. K. Murray.  
10.45 2.45 L. C. Kemp—J. O. Poles.  
11.00 3.00 N. J. Booker—G. W. Jones.  
11.15 3.15 A. D. Messinger—J. F. Schoemaker.  
11.30 3.30 B. H. Lockie—J. B. Wilson.  
11.45 3.45 M. G. Thomson—W. C. Jenner.  
12.00 4.00 D. L. Page—L. White.  
12.15 4.15 M. Kennedy—D. C. Gies.  
12.30 4.30 C. B. Black—F. de Jong.  
12.45 4.45 W. Stoker—G. T. Tass.

## HOME SOCCER RESULTS

Results of English and Scottish soccer matches played today were:

**LEAGUE ONE**  
Aston Villa 2 Wolves 3  
Stoke City 1 Liverpool 2

**LEAGUE TWO**  
Bury 1 Chesterfield 0  
Stockport 0 Gateshead 1

**LEAGUE THREE NORTH**  
G.P. Rangers 3 Millwall 0

**LEAGUE THREE SOUTH**  
Glasgow cup first Round Replay Clyde 1 Partick Thistle 2

**LEAGUE THREE NORTH**  
Sheff Wednesday 0 Bournemouth 4

**LEAGUE THREE SOUTH**  
Mansfield Town 1 Hull City 3  
Halifax Town 1 Darlington 1  
Hartlepool 4 Barnsley 3  
Tranmere 1 Oldham 1

—Reuter.

## The Name's the Same

West Bromwich Albion's list of professionals looks like the name of a firm of solicitors with Williams, Williams, Williams, Williams and Williams on it. None are related; three are Welshmen.

## THE GAMBOLS



French driver Jean Behra (right) receives the congratulations of racing manager Raymond Mays after winning the final of the International Trophy Race at Silverstone in a BRM on September 14. BRMs driven by Schell and Flockhart finished second and third.

Behra set up a new lap record in the first heat, with an average speed of 103.31 mph. In the final he lapped all the field except the other BRMs and a Maserati, driven by Bonnier, which came fourth.

He finished about a mile and a half ahead of the second car, with an average speed of 99.95 mph. —Reuterphoto.

## Taipei Wins Nanyang Cup By Beating Singapore In Asian Basketball Tourney

Singapore, Sept. 23.

Taipei won the Nanyang University Cup for men when they beat Singapore, defending Champions, 67-59 after a keen second-half tussle in the final of a week-long South-East Asian Basketball tournament here.

Taipei also won jointly with Medan the award for the best performance throughout the tournament. Both teams received nine votes.

Formosa's women counterparts Soon Tek also won a similar double. After beating Medan on Sunday night to win the Nanyang Women's Cup they were voted the best women's team of the tournament.

Singapore took the court with bright hopes after strong contenders Medan won down surprisingly 59-54 to Central Malaya earlier in the evening.

Though they trailed throughout, Singapore never gave up trying against Taipei. From the 33-26 interval score Singapore rallied to reduce Taipei's lead and several times came close to evening the scores.

**NEAR THE END**

Near the end of the game players and the stadium crowd were tense as Taipei were 42-40, then 51-50, but Taipei held out to win 67-59.

Taipei's top scorers: Chen Cho-liat (15), Tang Suet-fang and Leng Ching-huan, both 11. For Singapore: Yoo Tai-kuang (18), Koh Tai-chuan (13) and Hwang Kim-foo (11).

Medan just edged Central Malaya into fourth place on a better points average after their surprising defeat by Central Malaya tonight.

Medan's women basketballists finished runners-up to Soon Tek of Formosa in the women's section when they beat Central Malaya 40-27.

Final positions of the tournament:

1. Taipei, 2. Singapore, 3. Medan, 4. Central Malaya, 5. Bangkok Chinese, 6. North Malaya, 7. Kuching, 8. Che Lin (Bangkok), 9. Hongkong Combined, 10. South Malaya, 11. Wei Sin (Hualay), 12. Bangkok Chinese, 13. Nanyang University, 14.

**A NEW GROUND**

History has repeated itself for Tottenham Hotspur in the Wolverhampton League. In 1935 they started at a new ground with a 5-0 win over Sandwell Park Colliery. In 1937 at another new ground they beat the same team by the same score on opening day. This season, at yet a third fresh enclosure, they beat Sandwell Park Colliery 5-0. One of the goals was netted by Wesley's keeper—a goal kick travelling the whole length of the ground and past the opposing goalkeeper.

**WOMEN:** Soon Tek (Formosa) 1, Medan 2, Central Malaya 3, South Malaya 4, Singapore 5, North Malaya 6, Wei Sin (Hualay) 7, Kuching 8.

### FIRST MEETING

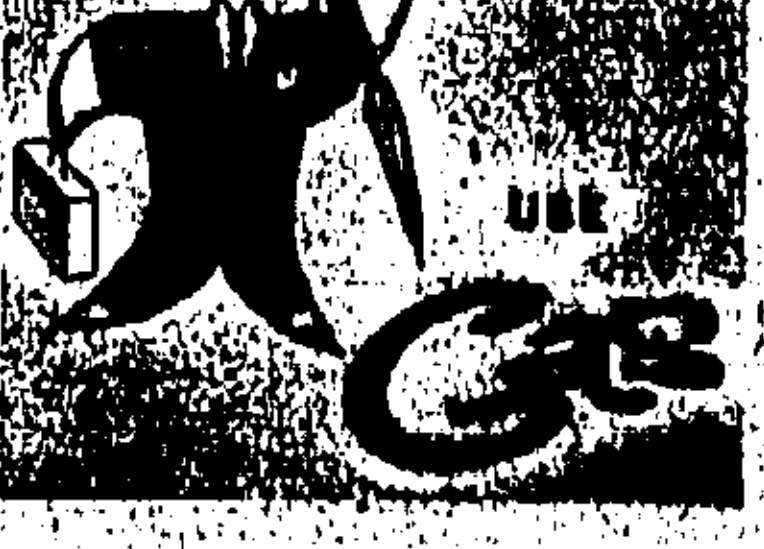
The South East Asia Chinese Basketball Federation, with headquarters in Singapore, was formed here today.

Eleven delegates representing teams taking part in the current Nanyang University basketball tournament attended the first meeting.

Teams represented were: Taipei, Hongkong Chinese, Wei Sin (Hualay), Kuching, Bangkok Chinese, Central Malaya, Che Lin (Bangkok), South Malaya, Hongkong Combined, North Malaya and Singapore.

The new Federation will take over the responsibility of running the annual tournament, now done by the Malaysian Chinese Sports Federation.

The preparatory meeting decided the new Federation would aim to foster greater interest in basketball throughout South-east Asian countries. —Reuter.



NO AND HAVE A SHOOTER WHILE FINISH MY WORK

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# IS IT ANY WONDER THAT COMPLAINTS ABOUT WIMBLEDON'S LACK OF GLAMOUR GROW?

## Admission To Wembley Is Being Sought In Vain

By DEREK JOHN

London. The Wimbledon Championships are long over—and yet the world's best tennis players have only just arrived in London. They will be on view—indoors—when the International Professional Lawn Tennis Championships open at Wembley on September 25. All tickets were sold long ago and hundreds of fans have sought seats in vain. For this tournament provides the most entertaining display of first class tennis in the world.

Is it any wonder then that complaints about Wimbledon's lack of glamour are growing?

All the big names in tennis turn professional as soon as they get to the top. Since the war, five Wimbledon Champions—Sedgman, Kramer and Hoad among them—have deserted the amateur game for the very high rewards of the professional tennis circuit.

But the amateurs are not the only ones to suffer through the policy of apartheid which forbids them to play in the same tournament as the professionals. So do the professionals themselves.

There are too few of them. The small group of players meet each other all the time; the results become predictable; the interest killed.

## These Two-Year-Old Races Are No Guide To Classics

Says PETER SCOTT

Form shown in the season's major two-year-old events, next month's Middle Park and Dewhurst Stakes excepted, seems to have less and less bearing on the following year's classics as time goes on.

Were it otherwise, there would be cause for considerable worry over the astonishing result of last Tuesday week's Champagne Stakes.

Here almost everybody's preconceived ideas about the status of the leading juveniles was turned topsy-turvy by Kelly's hard fought success over the Queen's luckless Pull Mall with the 9-4 on chance, Promulgation, a moderate third and Cool Derby who, at York, had looked a possible Derby horse, a trailing fourth.

Inconsistent running among the leaders of any generation usually betokens a moderate crop.

Although Kelly is a handsome colt and an improving one—a chance at his pedigree (Sire Panorama), together with those of Pull Mall and Promulgation, suggests that they may not be front-rank Derby candidates next June.

The same goes for Glimcrack winner Phelidippides and the filly Liberal Lady, Abella and High Camber, among the fastest of their sex as regards the Oaks.

The two-year-old races at Doncaster most likely to have shown us classic prospects for 1958 were the seven-furlong Tattersall Sale Stakes and the furlong shorter Doncaster Produce Stakes.

Nagani, a 4,200 guineas yearling, was the Tattersall Sale Stakes. His only previous start was the Glimcrack Stakes when he was unable to go the pace set by the Elsey trio, Vestal King, Bookkeeper and Phelidippides. He battled on well over the extended distance, however, last Wednesday week.

Nagani is a son of the 1949 Derby winner, Nimbus, most of whose stock are tough and stay well. The colt's dam, Jennifer, was a disappointment in her short racing career but she too is bred for stamina and Nagani is definitely a horse to watch.

Another in the same race to run well was the newcomer Black Perfume, a Sayal filly from Noel Murless's stable. Black Perfume is unlikely to be raced much more this season but could be a prospect for the 1,000 Guineas next May.

Alpine Bloom, winner of the Doncaster Produce Stakes, is held in high esteem by her trainer Jack Jarvis and since she was giving about a stone to many of her opponents it was a good performance.

Her sire is Chamosaine who has already got one classic winner in Cambrmor, and Alpine Bloom looks as if she too may stay reasonably well. The Oaks has always been Jack Jarvis' unlucky classic—but Alpine Bloom could be a strong hope for him next June.

Second to the filly last Friday week was Mr Cyril Bull's Guernsey, a half-brother to four

allowances—of £7 or more a day—by the organisers of tournaments.

Their travel expenses are paid. They are given nominal jobs by sport equipment firms, in return for which they are expected to boost their products.

## SMALL BEER

Of course, this is small beer compared with the large sums professionals can rake in. All the same, I think it is silly to pretend that there is any difference in principle. The only distinction now is the scale of payments.

A special committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association has recently completed a study of the possibilities of open tournaments. And it has now reported in favour of them.

The committee of five found, without reservation, that "open competition would be for the good of tennis."

They advocated "open competition as the start of a long-range programme to correct abuses in amateur tennis on the international level" because "conditions have reached a state to warrant serious concern."

And what has happened? Nothing. Just one hour after the report was published it was rejected by the United States LTA Executive Committee by a vote of 18 to 12. So the situation is just as before.

## GAINING GROUND

Nevertheless, support for open tournaments is slowly gaining ground throughout the world, and if the United States will not take the lead some other country will.

France and Australia are said to be in favour of open tournaments, and the English LTA has a committee investigating the question.

The controversy over open tournaments has now been raging for 20 years. But never before has the need for action been so apparent.

The segregation of amateur and professional tennis players should be ended now. And the only qualification for those who want to enter the Wimbledon and other major championships should be the quality of their game.

That, in my opinion, is the only way to create new interest and attract new spectators.

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## Sports Diary

**TODAY**  
HKAAA Executive Committee Meeting at Education Dept., 3.30 p.m.

**Tennis**  
LHC Tennis Tournaments: Club Ladies' Doubles Open, Club Men's Doubles Open, Club Mixed Doubles Open, Club Men's Singles Open, Club Men's Singles 11'cap.  
Colony Swimming Championships at YMCA, 8 p.m.

**Soccer**  
Charity Soccer: Combined Services v Combined Chinese, Club Stadium 8.30 p.m.

**Golf**  
Extraordinary Meeting of Ladies' Section, Deep Water Bay.

**TOMORROW**  
Hockey: Asian Zone Thomas Cup Tie: Hongkong v Pakistan at Lok Yew Hall, 7.45 p.m.

**Bowls**  
3rd Division: PRC v KOC.

**Swimming**  
Official Opening of Victoria Park Swimming Pool by ILE, the Governor, 8 p.m.

**Tennis**  
La Salle College Annual Swimming Gala, 10.30 a.m.

**Tennis**  
Malayan RAF Team v RAF HK at Kai Tak.

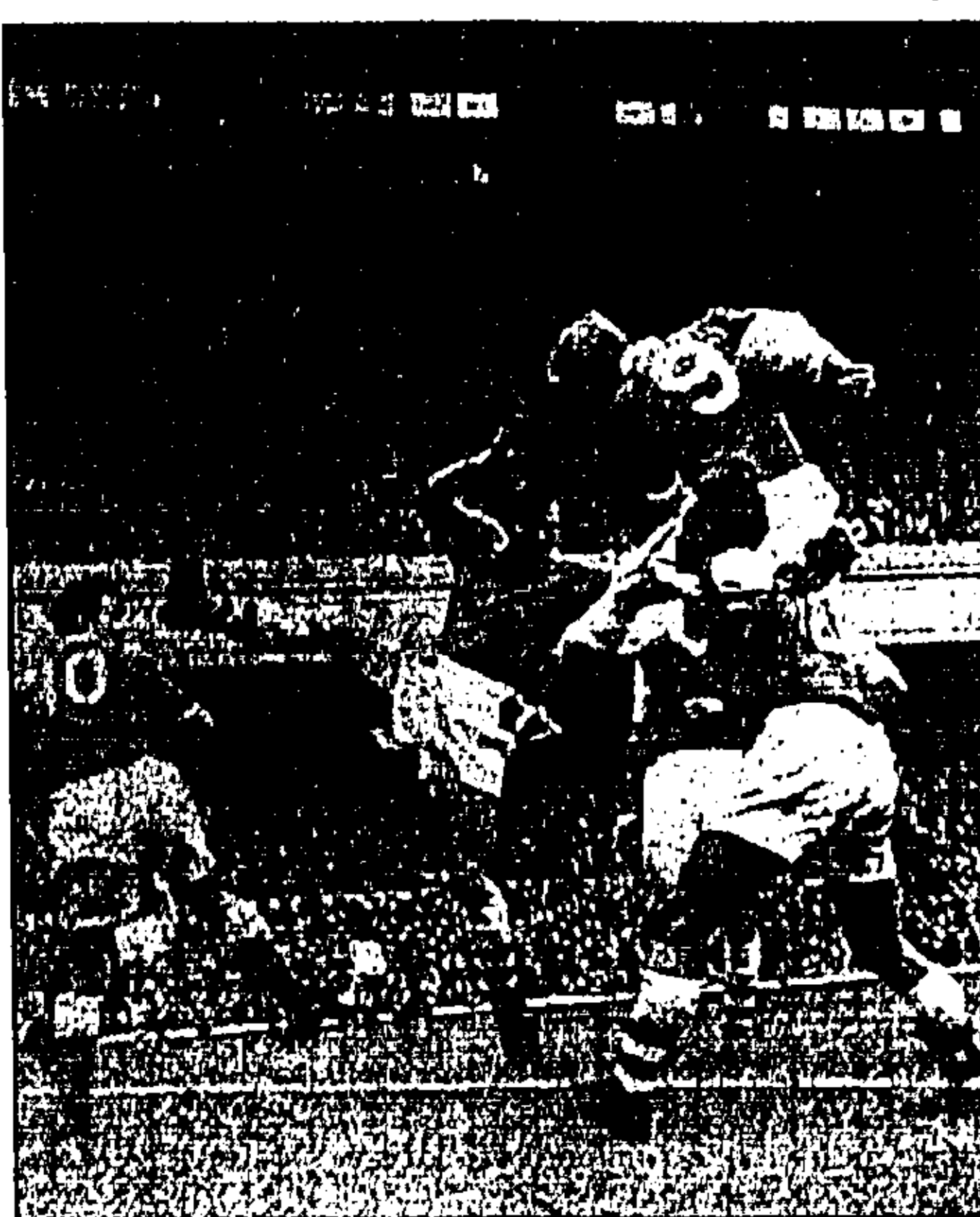
## Inter-Zone Final For Brisbane

Melbourne, Sept. 23. The Australian Lawn Tennis Association, organisers of the 1957 Davis Cup competition, today withdrew the venue of the second Inter-Zone final from Perth and granted it to Brisbane.

The Association had chosen Perth to give West Australian tennis enthusiasts a chance to see Davis Cup tennis, but they changed the venue after receiving cables from both the United States and Belgium reaffirming their objection to Perth.

The first Inter-Zone final, between the United States and the Philippines, will be played in Adelaide on December 5, 6 and 7. Belgium will meet the winners for the right to play Australia in the Challenge Round.—Reuter.

## HIGH LEVEL ATTACK



Gardner (No. 9), high-flying centre-forward of Leicester City, finds himself the subject of close attention from Arsenal goalkeeper Kelsey (facing camera) and Charlton, Arsenal right-back (No. 2, foreground) during an Arsenal attack on the Arsenal goal in the First Division match at Arsenal Stadium, Highbury, London, on September 14.

On left (No. 10) is Rowley, Leicester inside-left. Arsenal won 3-1.—Reuterphoto.

## Confusing Trio

Goalkeepers facing Hinkshay FC by the Wolverhampton League blink with astonishment as the three inside forwards advance upon them. For they are the Bailey brothers—a pair of twins and the other a year older, all very much alike facially.

## OVERLOOKED

Walsall Co-operative Dairy were due to play their opening match on their new ground, but when the teams arrived they found themselves knee-deep in grass, and the game had to be postponed. Someone forgot the mower? No, someone had forgotten to turn out the Dairy's herd of cattle to crop!

## One More Milestone

Stanley Matthews completes 27 years in the Football League this month. That is a record for an Englishman. He has two more years to go, however, to equal the time service of Billy Meredith with the two Manchester clubs.

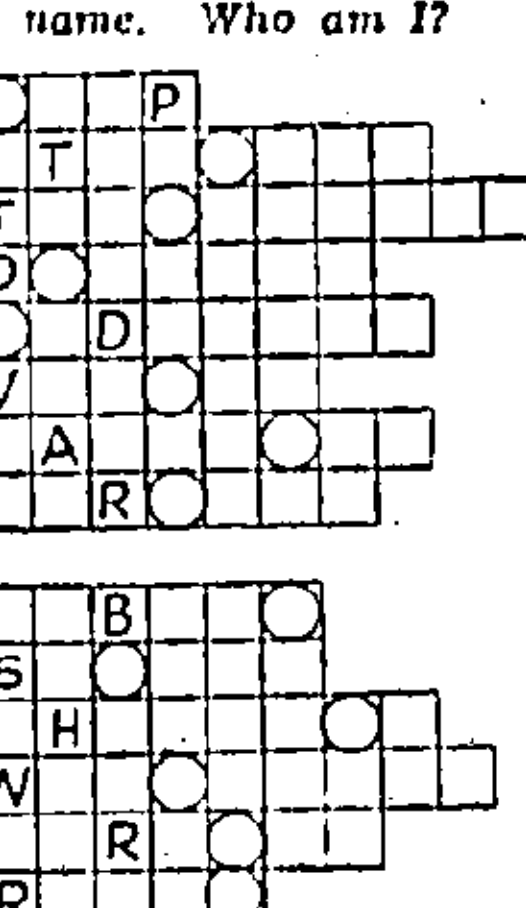


- 1 Leap
- 2 On board ship
- 3 Contest
- 4 Large drinks
- 5 For trams?
- 6 And thunder?
- 7 This stroke
- 8 With a smile?
- 9 Sent up
- 10 Not apoplectic
- 11 Top dog
- 12 London suburb
- 13 Accomplish
- 14 Large meeting

Solution on Page 9

## NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?



## BE SPECIFIC



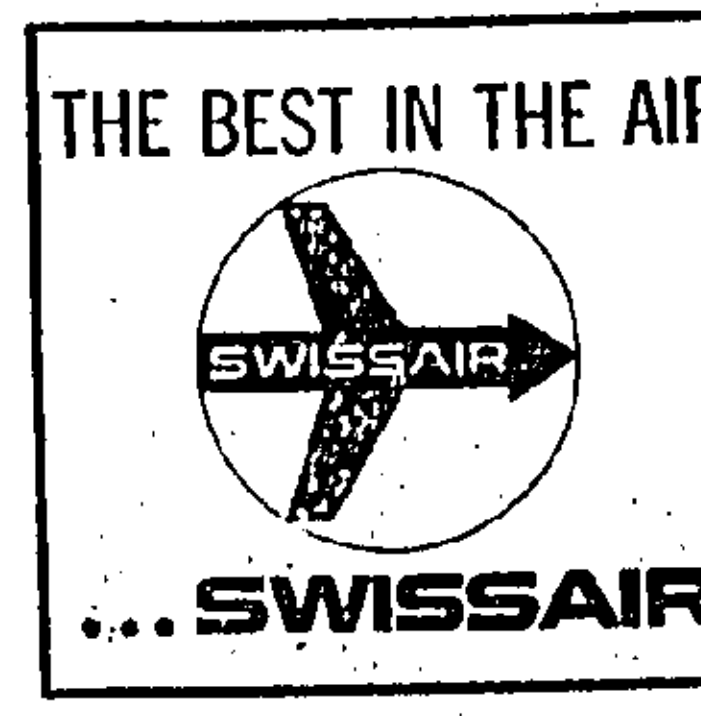
## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



## FERD'NAND

By Milk



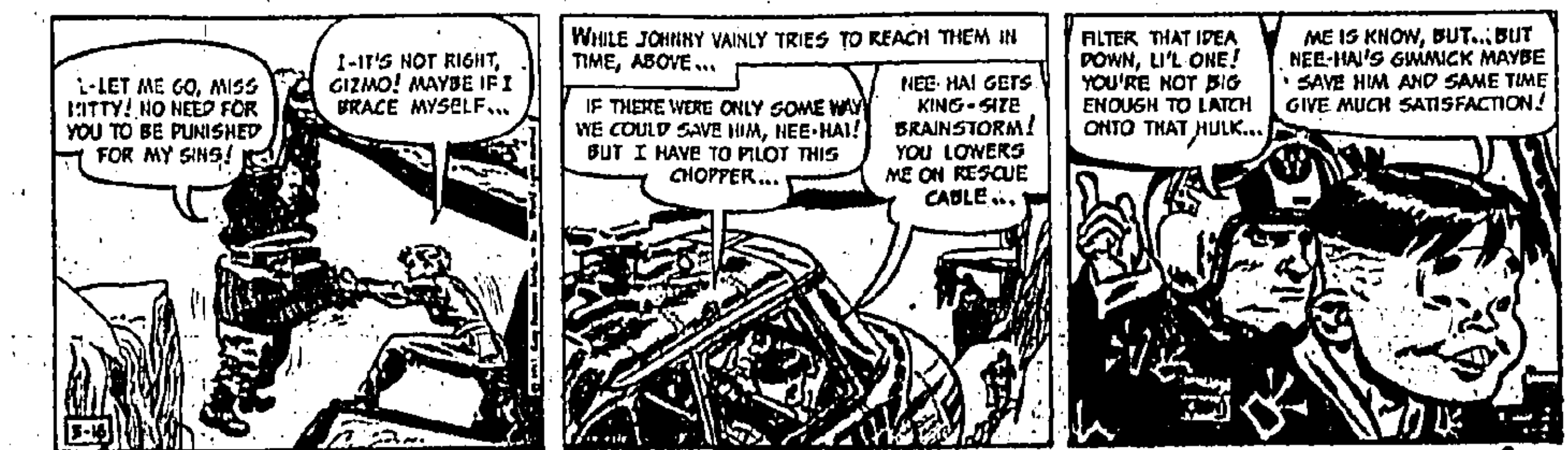
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Unloading of Milk Powder for Poor Children  
Music for blind training Centre, Inauguration at Am. Club  
Presentation aboard H.M.S. Alert by C-in-C R.N. Dockyard  
Opening of Shakespeare Exhibition at New Cathedral Hall  
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1957.

## OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP UNDERWAY

### Almost 2,000 Coolies Clear Away Gloria's Trail THREE-DAY JOB BEGINS

by J. P. Prettejohn  
China Mail Reporter

The Sanitary Department of the Urban Services will take three days to sweep up the debris brought about by Typhoon Gloria.

And if that is not the last word in efficiency, the Superintendent of the Department said the gigantic work of cleaning the Colony's streets and winding alleys after the blow could be done in two days.

And that, of course, depended on the uninterrupted service of the Department's refuse barges, which had been temporarily withdrawn because of the strong winds after the No. 10 signal had been lowered.

"But mind you, I am not saying that we guarantee the removal of every minute pile of leaves in odd corners of the streets," Mr A. W. T. White, the Superintendent said.

#### The Sweepers

His assistant, Mr M. E. Purvis, told me that he had under him 1,000 street sweepers on the Island and 900 in Kowloon and the task of bringing the streets back to their normal cleanliness fell on these 1,900 and others who were responsible for the transportation of the gathered refuse to the dumping barges.

Mr Purvis said the gang of street sweepers worked till the No. 10 typhoon signal was hoisted and after the blow, they resumed work again at 7 am on Monday to begin cleaning up the debris.

They worked their normal two-shifts a day plus overtime right into the night to obliterate the trail of Gloria's devastating visit.

"And their task is not made the more easy by some members of the public who dump their household refuse into the street for collection," Mr Purvis added.

The Superintendent explained that the workers of the Department were only responsible for the sweeping of "rubbish." The large pile of mud or silt deposited by the rain, the heavy tree trunks and branches, he said, were the responsibility of the PWD and the Forestry Department respectively.

#### Major Problem

Mr Purvis, the Assistant Superintendent, said the disposal of the typhoon debris after collection by sweepers was a major problem that delayed the time factor.

He explained that before the No. 10 signal was hoisted, Sanitary Department employees working in their normal routine, had gathered about 100 lorry-loads of refuse for dumping.

Because of the withdrawal of the barges, as directed by the Marine Department which was responsible for the safety of Government's water transport, this huge quantity of waste could not have been totally dumped.

The result was that when the signal was lowered and the services of the water transport resumed, there were waiting for disposal 80 lorry-loads or about 250 tons of city refuse to be disposed of first before the typhoon debris could be dumped.

The Superintendent and his assistant recalled that at other times during threats of typhoons, it took longer to dispose of the extra debris because of the longer withdrawal of the barges on account of the prolonged visit of the storms.

#### DRIVERS FINED

For failing to give the right of way to pedestrians at pedestrian crossings, three private-car drivers were each fined \$50 by Mr T. Credon at Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

They were charged that on various occasions in Kowloon's most crowded districts drove their cars across pedestrian crossings without giving way. The defendants are Chan Chiu, Shui Sum, and Kum Lau-kam.

#### Fair Periods

The weatherman says that there will be moderate locally fresh southerly winds blowing today. It will be cloudy, but with fair periods, in the afternoon. Scattered showers developing later this evening.

### ANOTHER 123 TRIAD MEMBERS ARRESTED

Further arrests of triad society members were made by the Criminal Investigation Department yesterday and early this morning.

A total of 29 men have been detained for questioning on Hongkong Island, while 93 men and a woman are detained in Kowloon.

#### The Real McCoy

After some initial difficulty, Producer Jaime Del Valle has come up with someone he believes is the ideal person to portray the part of the San Francisco Fire Chief in a television show.

The "actor" is William Murray, Fire Chief of San Francisco. —United Press.

### ANTI-MOSQUITO MEASURES DEMONSTRATED

This morning reporters and press photographers were taken on a tour in Wanchai where a demonstration of destroying and controlling mosquitoes was shown.

The tour was conducted by two Sanitary Department officials.

The Pest Control Office, according to one of the officials, deals with every kind of pest, from ants to rats. "But since mosquitoes easily outnumber other pests and are more annoying," he said, "special anti-mosquito squads are organised."

Each squad or unit consists of two men from the Sanitary Department. And in every district there will be two squads to cope with the complaints of the public about mosquitoes.

#### SURVEYS

Besides answering the public's complaints, the units also make surveys of their own and deal with them accordingly.

In this morning's tour, the party went to inspect various shops, houses and roof-tops in Stone Nullah Lane, Wanchai. Mosquitoes or their larvae were found destroyed on the spot.

Advice was also given by the two inspectors to the residents, telling them how to prevent mosquitoes breeding.

"Be sure to cover pots and other receptacles which hold water for more than five days," said one inspector. "And if they are empty, turn them upside down so that they will not hold any rain water."

"Mosquitoes develop very fast. It takes about seven days after their eggs are laid for them to become a flying nuisance," the inspector said.

### DRUG SMUGGLERS SENT TO PRISON

A man and a woman who were said by Detective Sub-Inspector H. Lauret to be members of a big smuggling ring in the Colony were sentenced to long terms of imprisonment when they came before Mr T. L. Yang at Kowloon this morning.

Chiu Nei-heung, a 22-year-old married woman who pleaded guilty to possession of 43 tacks of raw opium was sentenced to one year.

Yang Lung-yau, unemployed, who also admitted having 272 tacks of the drug, was given one year and a fine of \$10,000 or an additional six months. This man was also placed under Police supervision for two years.

The opium was found by a Police raiding party who acting on information visited the cockpit of No. 4 Junction Road on September 9.

The same day the Police also raided No. 23 Yin Chong Street cockpit where the married woman was arrested.

Both defendants claimed that the drug wrapped in paper, was left behind by friends who had indicated that they would return for the parcels.

### CHOICE FOR CHINESE IN MALAYA

Penang, Sept. 23.

Chinese in Malaya must decide immediately whether they would like to become Malaysians or aliens, the country's new Minister for Industry and Commerce, Mr Tan Siew Sin, said.

Mr Tan, who until his appointment was publicity officer of the Malayan Chinese Association, said: "I will do my best to persuade the Government to give sufficient time for people wishing to give their undivided loyalty to Malaya to become citizens."

He told this to the Penang branch of the Malayan Chinese Association, which held a tea party in his honour. Nearly 2,500,000 Chinese in Malaya must decide within 30 days whether they would like to become citizens of the new independent and sovereign nation or become aliens in this country.

#### Made It Clear

The Prime Minister, Tengku Abdul Rahman, has made it clear that he and his government would not tolerate dual nationality or divided allegiance. The Chinese in Malaya in making this important decision will have a slight advantage

### PAKISTAN GROUP GOING TO CHINA

Four members of an eight men Pakistani delegation arrived this morning by BOAC from Karachi on their way to make an official visit to China at the invitation of the Chinese Government.

The group consists of Mr Said Husan, Deputy Chairman of the Planning Board, Mr Malik Abdul Khalid, Secretary of the Economic Institute, Karachi, Mr Mohamad Latif Qureshi, Chief Economist of the Pakistan Government, and Mr Naif Ahmed, Commissioner-in-charge of the Division of Hyderabad. Mr Husan said that they were going to study technical aspects of irrigation, flood control and water conservancy.

#### Meeting In Peking

The remaining four of the group will be arriving here within the week and they will all meet in Peking.

Among the things they will see will be the Yangtze River bridge. They will also be in China for the October 1 celebration.

After the tour Mr Husan will go to the United States alone and from there to Europe to study the possibility of introducing the sparge-iron process of steel manufacture in Pakistan. The group will leave for China today or tomorrow.

### STOP PRESS

### SUGAR RAY BEATEN

New York, Sept. 23.

Carmen Basilio won the middle-weight championship tonight by out-pointing Sugar Ray Robinson in their 15-round title fight on a split decision. —United Press.

### MULCTING

Manila, Sept. 24.

A Chinese Chamber of Commerce official of nearby Pasay city yesterday denounced the mulcting of Chinese businessmen from Hongkong and Tokyo by certain members of the Pasay city police force.

The official said it was the policemen's practice to extort money from merchants passing Pasay city on the way to Manila from Manila International Airport on supposed charges of tax evasion on dutiable goods.

He said he was filing charges against the policemen involved. — France-Press.

### TYPHOON TOLL

Manila, Sept. 24.

A tugboat sank while four motor vessels ran aground on treacherous reefs yesterday in the wake of two Pacific typhoons — Gloria and Faye — which slipped out to the China Sea Sunday and Monday after hammering Luzon.

No casualties were reported however as Philippine Navy boats and commercial ships rushed to the assistance of the vessels which foundered near Marinduque Island, Southern Luzon, and La Union Province, Northern Luzon.

The inter-island vessel Rajah Suliman, the largest of the ships which ran aground, last night finally reached shelter in nearby Maniuan Island. All 37 passengers and crew were saved by a rescue boat. — France-Press.

## A New Book About Hongkong

And David Wong says: *IT'S A*

The World of Suzie Wong by Richard Mason, Collins. 16/-.

London. THERE comes a time in the life of every writer when he will be tempted to write about prostitutes. Many writers yield to the temptation and achieve notable success, but Mr Richard Mason is not one of them.

In *The World of Suzie Wong*, the author of *The Wind Cannot Read* and *The Shadow and the Peak* tries to tell "a very moving love story" about Robert Lomax, a British painter, and Suzie, the piece de resistance of the Hongkong waterfront. The result is a literary disaster of the first magnitude.

Mr Mason's characterisation is extremely weak. He has peopled his book with characters that are completely one-dimensional. They do not come alive; they never attain an independent existence; they remain forever puppets at the end of so many strings.

The dialogue is equally weak. The reader can predict what characters are going to say with maddening regularity. And when they do say their pieces, they mouth them with as much animation as Chinese school children reciting the Four Books.

#### THE PROPS

Following the example of other—and better—writers who have had to deal with a colonial background, Mr Mason has tried to bolster his sagging story by introducing a series of hackneyed and worn-out props. The narrow colonial attitudes are there, as are the interminable cocktail parties, the visits to fortune-tellers and the expressions of racial prejudice.

But given the context of his one-dimensional characters, what Mr Mason has to say about these things appears heavy-handed and obvious. Instead of trying to provide insight, he has merely set up targets for the readers to knock down. It is always the bad characters who have the undesirable traits and it is always the good characters that are so understanding. And Mr Mason makes sure that the bad are condemned.

Take for example the problem of racial prejudice, which Mr Mason brings up again and again.

#### RAT-FACED

He has George Wheeler, "an unhappy and frustrated man," saying: "You'll find me a pretty easy-going boss on the whole—but there's one thing I will not tolerate on this estate. And that's miscegenation."

He has Williblood, "a small rat-faced man with thinning hair, who was married and had children but was reputed to sleep with his Chinese servant," saying: "I wouldn't go with a Chin if you paid me."

He has an unnamed character engaged in one of "those threadbare little patterns of colonial cocktail-party conversation" saying: "That's the trouble with Eurasians. If you're nice to them, they just take advantage and begin to think they're as good as you."

And so on. At every turn the author's voice breaks through to tell the reader what

he should think. At every turn he draws caricatures and not characters.

#### AUSTERITY

Most writers, as a rule, delight in long descriptive passages as a vehicle for exhibiting their deathless prose. But not so Mr Mason. Indeed, he errs on the side of austerity. His descriptive passages are so brief that one wonders if strangers to Hongkong can ever visualise the Colony from his book.

But at the same time, those who know Hongkong intimately will discover many unrealistic situations, like having the hero, Lomax, walk into a small living-room in a Chinese home crowded with "the usual abundance of children, grandparents, cousins, aunts," and have his presence "scarcely noticed by the relatives" seated about the room.

#### STILLBORN

Or again to have a magistrate look at a prostitute in an open court and say from the Bench: "I'd like to wrap her up and take her home."

All in all, Mr Mason has written a book unworthy of him. He has taken too long to say too little, and one cannot help getting the impression that he did not really have a novel in mind. He merely had an idea. If he had lengthened the period of gestation for his idea, he might have produced a better novel. As it is, his brain-child is stillborn.

### SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I hope your husband isn't perfect, Jane—I know I'd certainly be miserable if I couldn't nag my George about something!"

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